

THE
Famous and Delightful
HISTORY
OF THE
Renowned and Valiant
Prince
Amadis de GAUL.

Setting forth
His Glorious Adventures, and Success in Arms, during his Travels into the most Known Parts of the World. His Unparrelle'd Love to the Fair Princess *Oriana*, and his Success therein.

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A True Pattern of Heroick Valour and
Virtuous Love.

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The Preface

TO THE

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T*His Famous History in the Original, has been already accepted with much Applause in several Nations; but being very Voluminous is Scarce, and consequently held at a dear Rate: I have thought fit, that the Memory of so Famous a Work should not be lost, to present it to you somewhat briefer in Bulk, but not less in Effect, as to what it treats of; nay, dressed in such a Language, as must render the Actions of the Great Potentates, and other Persons it represents to the World, more pleasing and efficaciously diverting.*

I have all along taken Care, to lay aside any Tedious and Superfluous Discourses, and keep only to that, which is proper to Histories of this Nature; which however they may seem at the first Appearance to the Reader, yet let me assure him they were for

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the most part (especially this) contrived, and penn'd by Learned and Judicious Men, to stir up an Emulation in the Minds of either Sex, to contend the Noblest Ways in Acquiring those Virtues, and Generous Eraveries set down by them, as Patterns to be imitated, in order to an Accomplished Perfection of such Things, called truly Great and Good, that can in Humane Possibility be attained in this Life, in order to leave behind us a Memory embalmed with those Fragrancies of due Praise, that will outlast the Stateliest Mausolæum, and be here as lasting as Time it self.

But not further to trouble the Reader nor my self, in commending what is so well known to many, and has been as well approved by Persons of unerring Judgments, in relation to the Works of the Learned: All that I can further say is, to submit it, as it is, to the Perusal of the Reader, who will find no doubt, his small Expence and leisure Hours well bestowed, in improving his Knowledge, and pleasing his Fancy. And so I take Leave to subscribe my self

His Friend

AND

Humble Servant,

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PRINCE

Amadis de Gaul, &c.

When this Flourishing Island was subject to the Scepter of the Ancient *British* Kings, unrivaled by the *Roman* or *Saxon* Power; in those Early Days, a King, named *Garinter*, reigned over *Little-Britain*, blessed in the Entire Affection of his Subjects, but his greatest Solace

was in contemplating the Beauties of his Queen attended with answerable Virtues, and her more Beauteous Off-spring, viz. Two Daughters; the Eldest named *Agrais* and *Mabilia*, from a Garland she often wore; who afterwards was married to *Languines* King of Scots: The Youngest more Fair and Beautiful than the Eldest, tho' both exceeding Charming, was named *Elisena*, who though required in Marriage by many great Princes, refused and slighted the Tender of their Love, and kindest Affections, giving her self wholly to a Life of Devotion; insomuch that she was often called, *The Virgin lost in Devotion*; but this Mind was soon altered by the Arrival of a Stranger, whom her Father received kindly, because he had slain two Outlaws in Combate, that had done much Mischief in the Country; also combated and slain a Lion, that pursued, killed, and was about to devour a Hart in his Presence; for no sooner the young Princess saw him at the Court, but she fell passionately in Love with him, and he the like with her; their Passions encreasing to that Degree, that they sighed and languished a while, as not daring to dis-

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cover it to each other for Fear of a Repulse; but at length, the Princess no longer able to contain so Arduous an Affection, disclosed it with Blushes and Tremblings to *Darioletta*, a Damsel in which she entirely confided, who gave her Encouragement to hope the best, promising Secrecy, and a Faithfulness to further her in her Desires.

By this time it was known who the Stranger was, viz. *Perion* King of *France*; which News enflamed the Princesses Love the more, because she had heard of his Fame, as a Person she not only saw Young and Beautiful, but one truly Wise and Valiant; and therefore hastened her Damsel to find out, whether he was engaged in Love to any Lady, which she did with such Subtilty, that she soon found the King was in as great a Passion for her Lady, as she was for him; and in a little time brought it to pass, that under Promises and Vows of Marriage, they enjoyed each other at many stolen Meetings, to their mutual Satisfaction; till Earnest Business calling the King home, especially upon a frightful Dream he had, That one opened a Privy door, thrust a Hand into his Side, pulled out

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his Heart, and cast it into the River ;
and though another Heart was given to
him he should not keep it.

Upon the King's proposing to depart,
with solemn Vows of a speedy Return,
the Princesses Grief was beyond Expres-
sion, but Destiny so ordering it, neither
Tears nor Entreaties, no, not the grow-
ing Fruits of stolen Pleasures, could pre-
vail with him to stay ; wherefore leav-
ing a Ring as a Pledge of his Love, and
Remembrance of a speedy Return, also
his Sword in haste, which *Darioletta* had
slyly conveyed away, when he took his
Farewel Embrace of his Fair Princess ; he
took Leave of the King, and the rest of
the Court, and mounting, only attended
with his Squire, set forward for his own
Country ; where after some inconsider-
able Adventures, he arrived to the
great Joy of his Subjects, who made great
Feasting, and many Days Rejoycing, to
see their King returned in Safety, who
after he had solaced himself a while in
his Palace, grew exceeding pensive, to
think how he had left his Fair Princess
in Tears and overwhelmed in Sorrow
for his Absence, resolving to return to
her, as speedily as the settling the weighty
Affairs

Affairs of his Kingdom would permit, and musing of many Matters, his Dream came into his Mind and much troubled him; whereupon he sent for many Wise Men, Learned in Astrology, and other Arts, consulting with them what it might presage. Many of them shot wide of the true Mark, saying, It presaged Wars and Troubles in his Kingdom, that would dismember it, and take his Subjects from him, which was the Heart thrown into the River; yet he should revive his Strength and recover it again; but not keep it long; which signified the other Heart he saw in his Dream: but one *Ungana*, the Cunningest of them, plainly told him in private, It was the Loss of an Infant thrown into the River, which he had begot on the Fair *Elisena*, and that he should get another on her, but should not keep it, which were the two Hearts in his Dream, and that the Party who opened the Door was the Princess, when she came first to Bed to him, and the thrusting a Hand into his Side, was no other, than that her Charms had entirely won upon his Affection, and totally possessed his tenderest part.

The King hearing this which he

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thought had been a Secret, was much amazed; and enjoying the Astrologer to Silence greatly rewarded and honoured him; but in the mean time, the Princess having shed many Pearly Tears for the Loss of her Lover, her Womb grew big, and the time of her Delivery approached, which put her into great Perplexity, and the more, because the Law of the Country made it Death, for any unmarried Woman to conceive with Child, both to her and the Infant; so that retiring to the remotest part of her Father's Palace that opened to a River, which discharged it self at a little distance into the Sea; making none privy but *Darioletta*; she was there delivered of a Fair Son, smiling at his Birth and Strength of Limbs in his tender Infancy, which was secretly nursed for some Days, but then *Darioletta* finding it could not be much longer concealed from the Spies, and fearing both for her self and the Princess, because she had been accessory to their stolen Love; with much Difficulty prevailed with her, to put the Infant into the River in a little close Coffer, or Chest well pitched within, and so leave it to the Care of Providence, tho' the tender Mother a long Time opposed, with-

wishing rather to dye her self, and suffer the worst of Shame and Disgrace, than be so unnatural to so promising a Babe; and nothing but the Hopes to see King *Perion* once more, could have prevailed upon her to do this, but rather she would have chose to have dyed with her sweet Infant.

The Child being, as I said, set afloat in the Night; the Current of the River soon carried it into the Sea, where it was tossed about by the boisterous Waves, but the Day breaking, and the Weather fair, a Ship sailing from *France* to *Scotland*, in which was a Valiant Gentleman, named *Gandales*, who at a distance perceiving something tossing on the boisterous Waves, sent some Mariners in the Ship's Boat to take it up, and bring it into the Ship; which done the little Ark being opened, he found the Babe in a rich Mantle of Scarlet, and the Sword King *Perion* had left, and the Ring he presented the Princess, with some Rich Jewels lying by it, and on a Parchment pinned on its Breast these Words; viz. *This is Amadis without Time, Son to a King*: These Words *Darioletta* writ, because she thought his Death to be near at hand

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hand ; but thus contrary to Expectation
saved by a wonderful Providence: The
Gentleman, who had his Lady and young
Son *Gandeline* in the Ship with him ; gave
the Care of him to his Lady, who re-
ceived the lovely Babe, and suckled him
with much Joy and Contentment ; tender-
ing him as her own Son, and account-
ing him of Royal Birth by reason of his
Rich Cloathing, and the Ornaments found
about him ; and because he was found
on the Water, and thus miraculously
preserved ; the better to conceal him
from any, *Gandales* called him the *Gentle-
man of the Sea* ; and safely arriving in
Scotland, he brought up the Child in all
manner of Noble Education and Martial
Exercise, being himself a Valiant and Ex-
perienced Knight.

Whilst these Things passed, as King
Perion went a Hunting, a Damsel met
him very Beautiful, and in shining Robes ;
and said, *King Perion, When thou recove-
rest thy Loss, Ireland shall lose her Fairest
Flower* ; and with these Words switching
her Palfrey, she rode as swift as the Wind
till out of sight, leaving the King in
some Amazement, to consider what she
could mean by this doubtful Expression.

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Not long after this, the same Damsel appeared to Gandaless, as he rid abroad for his Pleasure by a Forest side, and thus accosted him; viz. *Ab! Gandaless, if many great Personages knew so much as my self, they would soon cause thee to lose thy Head; Why so, said he, what have I done to deserve such a Death? Why,* reply'd she, *because thou nourishest their Death in thy House;* and so departed without Explaining her self, leaving the Good Knight much astonished at her Words; but scarce had he time to consider e'er she returned again, imploring his Help against a Knight that sought to outrage her, with whom he fought till she stayed their Hands and parted the Combate, and commanded the Knight who had pursued her, to drive away a Lady by Force, that sat at some distance under a Tree, with which he complied, though before he entirely loved her; and she departed with Tears and great Lamentations, and then the Damsel pardoned him his offending her, and for this Kindness after making him swear Secrecy, she told Gandaless, that the Infant he found on the Sea, would prove the most Valiant Knight in the World,

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as well as the most Noble and Loyal in Love and Affection ; and that if this were known, the great Ones of the Kingdom, to prevent the Eclipsing of their Honour, would put to Death both him and the Child, because in time the latter should make many of them stoop, and fall by the Prowess of his Arms, and get Fame throughout the World, yet concealed the manner of his Birth, and to confirm this, from a Beauteous Damsel, she, in an Instant, transformed her self into an old withered Woman, and soon again into a Beauteous Damsel ; telling him she was called *Urganda the Unknown* ; because those who most sought for her could not find her, unless she pleased to appear ; and after this, and some other Discourse they departed.

The young Prince growing up, daily discovered he was designed for great Things, his Virtues increasing with his Years, when so it happened, that King *Languines* and his Queen putting in at *Gandales's* House in *Truels* ; and seeing the young Prince exercising Arms with other Youths, they took so great an Affection to him, that to the Sorrow of *Gandales* and his Lady they took him to Court

Court with them, having no further Account of him than the Knight could give; viz. That he found him on the Sea, and gave them the Sword and Ring, &c. found with him, nor could they prevent *Gandal's* Son, who entirely loved him, from accompanying him.

But soon after this, King *Garinter* dying left his Kingdom to *Elisena* his Daughter, but *Languines* in Right of his Wife who was elder invaded it; till King *Perion* coming over, and as he had promised, marrying *Elisena*, he quitted his Claim, and great Feasting was made, and King *Perion* soon had by his fair Queen a Son, whom he named *Galaor*, and a Daughter named *Melicia*, and understood she had a Son by him before, and how he was disposed of, which greatly grieved him, and more when he had News, his other Son was carried away by a mighty Giant, which accomplished the other part of his Dream; viz. That he should not keep this Heart neither. This terrible Giant was of the Land of *Leonois*, Lord of an Island, named *Gandatan*; who returning by Sea, put the Child to be brought up by a Hermit; declaring it was this Prince must revenge the Death of his Father on the

the Giant *Abadan*, who kept from him the Rock of *Galtes*, and at that time two Branches of one Tree should be joyned that were severed.

Now whilst these Things happened to bring Wonders to pass, *Falangris*, King of *Great Britain* dying without Issue, appointed *Lisuart*, one of his Brothers, a Valiant and Prudent Prince, to succeed him; and he having married a Fair Princess, *viz. Brisena*, Daughter to the King of *Denmark*; at the Death of King *Falangris*, Ambassadors came to *Denmark*, to inform *Lisuart* thereof, and that his Subjects expected him; wherefore he made Preparation to go thither accordingly.

The Noble King *Lisuart* accompanied with his Wife, and Daughter of his, named *Oriana*, who was about Ten Years old, but so perfectly Fair, that at those Years she appeared to be a Second *Venus* for Beauty, being endowed with all Perfections pertaining to an absolute Beauty: these Three being attended by many Nobles of *Denmark*, and others, sailed for *Great Britain*; but in their way put in first at *Scotland*, where they were Royally feasted, and welcomed by the King *Languis*;

guines; and the young Lady being sick with her Voyage, was left in Scotland with the King and Queen, till her Father should send for her, and so he departed, safely arriving in his Kingdom; where we will leave him to speak of the Gentleman of the Sea, who being now of the Age of Twelve Years, and being grown a Gallant Person, was given as a Servant to the Princess Oriana. This was a great Satisfaction to both these young Princes, for in this their young Years did Cupid shoot his Darts at them, and so wounded them, that during the whole Course of their Lives they were passionately enamoured of one anothers Perfections, the young Gentleman was only discontented, that he was of so mean Parentage as the Son of Gandales, he suppoūng himself to be no other; and therefore unworthy to serve so Honourable a Lady, but he hoped when he should receive the Order of Knighthood, to do so much for her sake, that he might deserve the Title of her Servant; and tho' he was of such young Years, yet he supposing himself able to undergoe the Charge and Trouble of Knighthood, desired the King Languines to give him that Order; who by reason

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reason of his Youth refused the same at present, but however ordered him to fit himself, and in due time he should receive that Honour. *Gandales* being advertised hereof, soon sent him the Sword, Ring and Wax, that had been found with him, the Messenger that brought them told him, That his good Friend *Gandales* sent them. He looking on them liked well of them, but the Sword he earnestly beheld, because it was without a Scabbard, the King being present, told him, that it had been without near fifteen Years; and in Conclusion told him, how that Sword, the Ring and Wax were found in a Chest, wherein he was inclosed, and taken up on the Sea by *Gandales*; and therefore, said he, *Since it is uncertain of what Parentage you are descended, I cannot safely give you the Honour of Knighthood.* The young Gentleman was much troubled at this Discourse, and at first believed it to be only invented, but at length, when he saw the King to be constant in the same; he replied, That he was well enough pleased, only he was unsatisfied that he knew not of what Parentage he was descended; " but, says he, I question not, " but I am descended of Noble Parentage,

" sage, and therefore it is now more
 " necessary, than before, that I receive
 " the Order of Knighthood, that I may
 " labour to get Honour and Reputation,
 " since I know not of any Parents to give
 " me any thing, that I may by my Vir-
 " tuous Actions, acquire some Glorious
 " Name in the World. The King was
 much satisfied with this Discourse, and
 Madam *Oriana* being present when the
 Things were brought him, he offered
 her the Ring as a Present, but she refu-
 sed that, only desired to have the Wax,
 which he bestowed on her. At this time
Perion King of *Gaul* arrived at *Scotland*,
 and came to the Court of King *Langui-*
nes his Brother, to desire his Aid and
 Assistance against King *Abies* of *Ireland*,
 who with great Forces had entred his
 Kingdom, and wasted much of his Coun-
 try; to this Request K. *Languines* soon
 consented, and promised him his Aid
 and Assistance. Prince *Agries* Son to
 K. *Languines* being then present, and
 having been lately made a Knight, did
 then on his Knee entreat his Father, that
 he would permit him to go with a Band
 of Soldiers into *Gaul* to assist his Aunt,
 to which Request of his, the King like-
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wise granted to the great Content of the
young Prince.

The *Gentleman of the Sea* understanding of this Expedition, was much troubled that he had not received the Order of Knighthood that he might go to the Wars, and now resolved that he would stay no longer, wherefore he coming into the Presence of the Princess *Oriana*, fell on his Knees, and spake to her in this manner; “ Divine Lady, Since it pleased the King *Languines* to bestow my
“ unworthy Person upon you, that I
“ might always serve you; I have hitherto endeavoured to perform all
“ your Commands, and have taken it to
“ be the greatest Honour in the World
“ to be at your Disposal, knowing that
“ you will always employ me in such
“ Actions as may tend to my Glory and
“ your Honour: Now, may it please
“ you, Madam, to grant me a Boon,
“ that thereby I may be enabled to do
“ you better Service, than hitherto I
“ have done. Sir, replied the Princess, I must confess, I have been honoured in your Service, and I should
“ be extreamly ingrateful should I refuse you any thing that is in my
“ Power

“ Power to grant ; therefore, speak Sir,
“ and assure your self of my Performance.
“ Madam, said he, there is now Occa-
“ sion presented, wherein I may gain
“ Honour in the Wars of K. *Perion* and
“ *Abies of Ireland* ; and as yet, Madam, I
“ am not made a Knight, the K. *Langwi-*
“ *nes* having hitherto deferred it ; there-
“ fore, I humbly entreat you to make
“ a Request to K. *Perion*, that he would
“ do me that Honour to give me Knight-
“ hood, for at his Hands had I rather re-
“ ceive that Order than of any other ;
“ and I question not, but he will grant
“ your Request, and after I have re-
“ ceived this Honour, I shall beg leave of
“ you to permit me to go to these Wars ;
“ for without your License, I dare not
“ leave this Court, having owned my
“ self your most Obedient Servant. The
Princess having heard his Request answered him, That she would endeavour what she could to perform his Request, and therefore she advised him to put all Things in a readiness against the next Morning. He rendered her many Thanks for her Kindness, and going to his Brother *Gandalin* acquainted him with his Resolves, desiring to know whether he
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would accompany him ; to which he was absolutely willing, and therefore *Gandalin* provided his Armour, the which he watched all Night according to the Custom ; and the next Morning the Two young Princesses *Oriana* and *Mabila*, having desired that Favour of *K. Perion*, brought him into the Chappel where our Gentleman was ; the King earnestly beheld him, and was very well pleased with his goodly Personage ; whereupon he immediately gave him the Order, wishing him Grace to do such Things therein, as might be for the Honour of God and his own Reputation. *K. Perion* having finished this Act, after Thanks received of them all for that his Kindness, mounting on Horseback he departed, leaving the new made Knight with the Ladies, who were greatly pleased with his Company ; and *Oriana* was much satisfied, when she understood that he was not Son to *Gandales*, hoping that he was of Nobler Lineage : This being finished, he only accompanied with *Gandalin* departed. The first Adventure that happened to him was that Day, when riding along he heard a Noise, and looking about, he saw a Knight slain, and another in little better

better Condition, with a Woman thrusting her Hands into the Wounds of the wounded Knight ; the *Gentleman of the Sea* seeing this, caused the Woman to desist from that Cruelty, and the Knight being somewhat recovered from a Trance he was in, thanked the young Knight for his Assistance ; “ For, said he, If you
“ had not arrived I had been certainly
“ murdered by this base, perfidious
“ Woman; who altho’ she is my Wife,
“ and hath received good Usage of me,
“ yet I lately took her committing Folly
“ with this dead Knight, with whom I
“ fought, and Justice assisting me, have
“ slain ; but being my self sore wounded, this perfidious Woman, after I had
“ forgiven her, she coming to bind up
“ my Wounds, instead of that, hath endeavoured by tearing of them wider
“ to kill me as you have seen. Our young Knight hearing of this, was greatly astonished at the Wickedness of this Woman ; but the Knight again fainting, he and *Gandalin* endeavoured to carry him to a Hermitage there close by, that he might be looked to. In the mean time, this base Woman went away to three of her Brothers that were close by,
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and told them, that there was a Knight, that had slain a Friend of hers and wounded her Husband; meaning to set them on our young Knight: They came just as he had returned from the Hermitage, and without any Discourse all three set upon him, but it was to their Cost; for he, in short time, so behaved himself with his Sword and Launce, that they being all wounded were vanquished, and yielded themselves Prisoners at his Dispose. So he, after he had related to them, the Treason of their Sister against her Husband, with which they had been unacquainted, commanded them to carry her and her Husband to the Court of K. *Languines*, to receive what Punishment he should think fit to inflict on her, and taken their Oaths for performance of the same; and also charged them, that they should inform the King, that they were sent by a young Knight of his Court that departed from thence that Morning. he departed from them. This Quarrel being thus ended, he went forwards on his way, but he was suddenly met by two Damsels, one of which carried a Lance, and coming to him gave it to him, saying, That within three Days, it should

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do him great Service, in saving from Death the House whereof he was descended. After some other Speeches, she departed, leaving the other Damsel with him, who told him, that if he pleased, she would accompany him for some Days; he seeing her a Stranger, demanded of what Country she was; to which she replied of *Denmark*: He likewise asked her, if she knew the Lady that had given him the Lance; she answered, "I never saw her till even now, when she told me, she was going to give the Lance to the best Knight in the World, and that I should tell you her Name was *Urganda, the Unknown*. In this Discourse they passed away the time, till at length they met with a Squire, who Courteously conducted them to a Castle belonging to his Father, where they were for that Night very well entertained. The next Morning they passed on their Way, and the Damsel and Esquire going somewhat before, were on a sudden seized on by six Halberdiers armed with Corslets; and they would have forced the Damsel to take an Oath, that she should never love any Man, that would not assist the *Abies of Ireland* against K.

Perion of *Gaul*; and this was the Custom of that Castle, To force all Knights and Ladies to take this Oath, That they should assist K. *Abies* against K. *Perion*. He soon relieved the Damsel, and set her free from these Rascals that had seized her; cleaving some of them down to the Shoulders, others he cut their Arms and Legs off; and so destroyed them all; but being about to depart, he heard a Noise in the Castle, when going to see what was the Matter, he found K. *Perion*, who had lately Knighted him, beset with Two Knights and Ten Halberdiers, who had already brought him into great Distress, having slain his Horse and wounded him in many places; and were now about to kill him, unless he would swear that unreasonable Oath, it being against himself. Our young Knight seeing this, and knowing K. *Perion* by his Armour, couched his Lance, and ran against one of the Knights in such manner, that his Lance went quite through his Body; and then drawing his Sword, he soon made them sensible of the Sharpness of the Blade, and the Strength of the Arm that wielded it. K. *Perion* seeing himself so well aided, renewed his Force in such manner, that

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with the Help of the Knight, he had soon dispersed these Rascals ; and the Prince pursued two of them so far, that he came into the Chamber of the Lord of the Castle, of whom, our Prince demanded the Cause, Why he had held such a wicked Custom ? To which, *he replied*, That K. *Abies* was his Nephew, and in regard, he could not assist him himself in Person, by reason of his Age ; he had therefore ordained that Custom, that he might be assisted with all the Knights that came that way. The Prince hearing this, was about to slay the Old Knight, which he seeing, cryed out for Mercy ; the which the Prince soon granted, on Condition he would swear never to use any such Evil Custom ; the which he agreed to ; and so the Prince with his Foot, throwing down the Bed whereon he lay, departed and left him, going to K. *Perion*, whom he found in the Court-yard ; and having furnished him with a Horse, that did belong to one of the slain Knights, he mounted thereon ; great were the Thanks K. *Perion* gave to the Prince, for the Assistance he had given him, earnestly desiring him to tell him, Who he was ; that he might know who he had been

To obliged so ; but the Prince was very unwilling to discover himself, although the Damsel did likewise entreat him to it : At length, at the Importunity of them both, he pulled off his Helmet, and K. *Perion* knowing him to be the Person, to whom he had given the Order of Knighthood, was very joyful thereat, and gave him many Thanks ; little thinking, That he was so nearly allied to him ; and here the Prince promised K. *Perion*, not to fail to assist him in his Wars against *Abies*. Thus did these two Knights ride together, till they came to a Way that parted, and there they took leave of each other, the King hastening home towards *Gaul*, and the Prince proceeding to find out more Adventures. The Damsel that had till now accompanied him, having sufficiently seen the Proof of his Valour, now took Leave of him, to return in her Way to the Court : “ For, *said she*, I have a Message to deliver to a Lady there : The Prince desired to know to what Lady, to which, *she answered*, To the Princess *Oriana*. At the mentioning of that Lovely Name he was extreamly surprized, so that he could hardly sit on his Horse ; but coming

ing to himself, he fetched a deep Sigh, and the Damsel in Company of the Squire, who had still remained with them, departed ; leaving our Prince in his way to seek further Adventures : Where we will likewise leave him, to tell you somewhat of *Galaor* his Brother, who now being sixteen Years old, was very desirous of being Knighted ; the good Hermit endeavoured to dissuade him therefrom, but all in vain ; so that in the End he told him, That he was Son of a King and Queen, at which, *Galaor* greatly rejoiced : The Hermit finding him thus enclined gave Notice thereof to the Gyant, who then came to see him, when he found him so Fair and well Proportioned, that he much wondred thereat, and greatly rejoiced ; and so he took the young Prince with him, and for the future bred him up in Manly Exercises, as Riding of Great Horses, and Fitting himself for Arms ; in which he profited exceedingly : And in this Place we will leave him, to return to his Brother ; who after he had left his Company, travelled so long till he arrived at a Castle, where was held a wicked Custom ; the Lord of the Place was named *Galpan*, and indeed

was very Valiant, but also very wicked, For he forced all Ladies and Damsels that came by his Castle to lye with him, and after they had so done, to swear to love none but him ; and if they denied this, he caused them to be cruelly killed : Also all Knights that came by that way, were enforced to fight with his two Brethren, and if they happened to escape their Hands, then he combated with them himself, and after he vanquished them, to d spoil them of what they had, and ever after to name themselves, *The Vanquished*, by Galpan.

When he came near this aforesaid Castle, he saw a Damsel coming out of it, tearing her Hair, and making a great Complaint ; wherefore, *he asked her*, The Reason of this her Violence offered to her self ? “ And, *said he*, If any one hath “ wronged you, I will endeavour to re- “ venge your Quarrel. On that Condi- on, *replied she*, I shall acquaint you with my Abuse ; and then *she related* to him, How *Galpan* had forced her to her Dishonour, and made her take the Oath aforesaid. Our Prince hearing this, and approach- ing the Castle, saw four Halberdiers ; to whom he called, and asked them, The Rea-

Reason why so bad a Custom was maintained, and where was their Lord who used it ; but they instead of replying, did all assault him ; but he so behaved himself, that he soon slew them all, and entering the Castle, he there met with two Knights, Brothers to *Galpan*, who who likewise ran against him ; and they and some Halberdiers, maintained a Fight with him for a great Space ; but in the End he vanquished them, and slew them all ; which *Galpan* himself seeing, after some proud presumptuous Speeches, armed himself, and was mounted on Horseback, he came to encounter with him ; the Fight continued long, and was dangerous between them : For our Prince had received a deep Wound on the Shoulder, at which he lost much Blood ; but *Galpan* being faint with long continuance of the Fight, endeavouring to have run away and secure himself in a Tower, was overtaken by the Prince, who quickly smote off his Head, to the great Satisfaction and Content of the Damsel ; who earnestly desired that she might carry his Head with her to a Knight, to whom she was going ; the Prince told her, that it would be more convenient for her to

leave the Head, and take the Helmit ; and withal desired to know, to whom she intended to carry it. *She replied*, To Prince *Agries* : He was herewith very well pleased, and desired her withal to present his Service to him, telling him, he would certainly meet him at the Wars in *Garl*, and that he was named *The Gentleman of the Sea*. The Damsel herewith departed, and the Prince being mounted on *Galpan's* Horse, rode to find somebody to heal his Wounds : He had not gone far, but he met with one, who was very glad to do him that kindness ; for he was a Knight that had been vanquished by *Galpan*, and was now very joyful of his Death ; and therefore entertained the Prince at his Castle, where he stayed till his Wounds were healed, and there will we now leave him, to treat of other Matters.

Three Days after the Departure of our Prince from the Court of *K. Languines*, the three Knights that were Brothers, together with their wicked Sister and her Husband, arrived there ; and coming before the King, they declared, How they had bin vanquished by a young Knight, who had commanded them to come thither to the
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King with their Sister and Brother in Law ; and so they related to the King the Cause of their Coming, and Villany of their Sister ; much did the King admire at the Wickedness of the Woman, wherefore, he caused her to be burned alive : But he was in great Care to know, who this young Knight should be, not suspecting it to be the *Gentleman of the Sea* ; who, although he was missing at Court, yet he supposed him to be gone to his Father *Gandales*. Soon after came the Damsel and Squire, who had sometime kept him Company when he rescued *K. Perion* ; and they made a Relation of the admirable Valour of a young Knight of his Court, and told the King the manner, how he vanquished and slew all his Enemies at that Castle. The King supposed this to be the same Knight, but as yet knew not who it was ; but the Princesses *Oriana* and *Mabila*, knew well enough that it was the *Gentleman of the Sea*, at which they were both glad ; but the Princess *Oriana* was somewhat sad, because that Damsel was come from *Great Britain* from her Father and Mother, to let her know, that they intended shortly to send for her ; and therefore, to dispose

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her to be ready. This Message was un-
welcome to her, for she was unwilling
to part from a Place, where she had bin
so well treated; and likewise, she doubt-
ed, if she went from thence, that she
should not so commodiously hear from
the *Gentleman of the Sea*; to whom she
bore great Affection. The next Day
after this, a Damsel entred the Court
that came to Prince *Agries*, and first of
all, she presented the Helmet of *Galpan*;
declaring before the King and Court, the
manner of the Fight with *Galpan* and
his Brethren; greatly did the King ad-
mire who this should be, That had per-
formed such Wonders: For *Galpan* was
esteemed the Valiantest Knight in all
that Country; and therefore, the King
asked the Damsel, if she knew who he
was that had performed this: The *Dam-
sel* replied, That he was a very fair young
Knight, and that he called himself, *The
Gentleman of the Sea*. The King and the
rest hearing this, were now satisfied in
their Demand; but did greatly admire
thereat; the King wondring who had
made him a Knight, but he was soon sa-
tisfied of that by the Ladies: *Agries* was
desirous to know, where he might meet
him;

him; to which, the *Damsel answered*,
“ My Lord, he humbly desires to be re-
“ membred to you, and promises to
“ meet you at the Wars in *Gaul*. At
this they all rested contented, and *Agries*
going aside with the *Damsel*, had some
Conference with her, for she brought
him Tydings from a Lady whom he lov-
ed; of whom we shall speak more
hereafter. But now we shall leave *Agries*,
who after he had prepared his Troops,
took Leave, and travelled towards *Gaul*
to his Uncle *Perion*.

Soon after the Departure of Prince
Agries to the Wars of *Gaul*, an Amba-
dor arrived in *Scotland* from *Great Bri-
tain*, bringing with him three Ships, and
many Ladies and Great Personages, to
attend on the Princess *Oriana*. The Am-
bassador and others were highly feasted
by K. *Languines*, and they desired from
K. *Lisuart*, That he would be pleased to
permit his Daughter *Mabila*, to accom-
pany the Princess *Oriana* into *Great By-
tain*: To this, K. *Languines* consented,
so that all Preparations fitting were made
for their Departure. The Princess *Ori-
ana*, in placing some of her Things in
Order, chanced to light upon the Wax,
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that was found with the *Gentleman of the Sea*; the Sight of which did so represent him, whom she so dealy loved; that she kept it long in her Hands, and handled it so much, that it brake; and then she perceived the Writing, which was, *This is Amadis without time Son to a King*. At the sight of this she was greatly surprized, and knowing well enough that it was meant of her Beloved Knight, she was very joyful; understanding, that he was Son to a King; after some little pause with her self, she called for the Damsel of *Denmark*, and giving her the Wax and Writing commanded her to hasten to *Gaul*, and deliver it to the Gentleman, that he might know of what Lineage he was descended; and further, *said she*, Command him from me, so soon as those Wars are ended, to repair to me to *Great Britain*. This Messenger being thus dispatched, and all Things put in Order for her Voyage, she with the Princess *Mabila* and the rest, after some short Voyage on the Sea, safely arrived in *Great Britain*, where they were highly welcomed. *The Gentleman of the Sea*, whom we left in a Castle, to have those Wounds healed he had received of

Galpan;

Galpan ; had scarcely the Patience to stay, till he was throughly healed ; but soon as he was able to sit on Horseback, he departed, and riding along only accompanied by *Gandalin*, he become very pensive and sad at the Remembrance of the Princess *Criana* ; considering her to be so great a Princess, and himself so great a Stranger, and so unworthy of her, and to this purpose he uttered many Complaints, which were overheard by a Knight who rid along near him ; and supposing our Knight to be some simple Knight, would needs force him, to declare the Name of that Lady he so greatly admired and served ; but he gained nothing by his Importunity, for our Knight soon dismounted him from his Horse, and then rode with a Damsel that came to seek him from Prince *Agries*, who was not far off ; but before he came to *Agries*, even in the Sight of his Forces, the Knight whom he had lately dismounted, accompanied with another as foolish as himself, and both assailed him to their Costs, for he threw them both ; the One having his Arm broke, and the other disabled from Fighting. Prince *Agries* was a Spectator of this Combate, and

and wondred who it should be, that did behave himself so valiantly ; but our Knight coming near, unlacing his Helmet and discovering his Face, was soon known to *Agries* ; who greatly welcomed him, and so they soon after departed together, and taking Shipping were transported to *Gaul* ; and so they marched to the Castle of *Belladin*, where *K. Perion* was besieged, having already lost many of his Men ; they were kindly welcomed by *K. Perion* and his Queen, who were both very joyful of the Company of the *Gentleman of the Sea* ; The Queen thro' a Natural Instinct bearing an extraordinary Love for him, and he was very humble to her, telling her, That he was commanded thither, as well by his own Inclinations to serve her, as by the Command of her Sister the Queen of *Scotland*, whose Servant he was ; the Queen kindly thanked him, not putting him to take any other Quarters, but in her own Lodgings, *Abies* *K. of Ireland* being esteemed one of the best Knights in the World, was now accompanied with *Dagonell* his Cousin, and *Gallin* Duke of *Normandy*, and many other Valiant Knights ; who hearing of this Succour was not at all dismayed, but

but resolved the next Day to give an Assault to *K. Perion*: And in Order thereunto, *Dagonell* and the Duke of *Normandy*, were appointed with one part of the Army to give the Assault, that they might draw out *K. Perion* with his Forces from the City, to a Place where *Abies* should lye in Ambush, and so surprize them. Early the next Morning this Resolution was put into Execution, and *K. Perion* with most of his Forces, issued out of the City, and behaved themselves so well, that they gained the better of the Enemy; for the *Gentleman of the Sea* and *Agries*, behaved themselves most valiantly. The *Gentleman of the Sea* dismounting the Duke of *Normandy*, who in the Fall brake his Leg, so that he died. *Dagonell* seeing this, set upon him, but he was soon disarmed of his Head, and *K. Perion* being near, seconded the Blow of his unknown Son in such manner, that *Dagonell's* Head being split in twain, he fell down dead from his Horse: The Army of *Irishmen* beholding this, fled towards the Ambush of *K. Abies*, who then appeared to the great Disheartning of the *Gauls*; who being now so wearied, and seeing themselves

selves assaulted by Fresh Forces ; were ready to fly to the City ; but being encouraged by the *Gentleman of the Sea*, they endured the Assault of their Enemies, who were bravely received by K. *Perion*, *Agries*, and the *Gentleman of the Sea* ; but their Men being wearied, and *Abies* behaving themselves so valiantly, slaughtering his Enemies on all sides they fled towards the City ; which K. *Perion*, seeing, he, *Agries*, and the *Gentleman of the Sea*, made good the Rear in the best manner they could ; while their Forces entred the City Gates. Great was the Anger of K. *Abies* against the *Gentleman of the Sea*, for that he understood he had slain his Kinsman and Friend, and being desirous to revenge their Deaths, he challenged him to single Combate ; the which Challenge he gladly accepted of, and would have gladly perfected it presently, but by the Perswasions of many, they both deferred it till the Morrow Morning. The *Gentleman of the Sea* was received into the City and Court with great Rejoycings, and all necessary Remedies being applyed to those Wounds he had received, and he being well armed the next Morning, went out of the
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City into the Field to perform the Combat. He had pourtrayed on his Shield, two azured Lions Rampant in a Golden Field; K. *Abies* was already in the field, and had on his Shield a *Giant slain*, he having formerly combated with one to the Loss of his Head. The Fight between these two Warriours was bravely maintained on both sides, they both endeavouring to win Honour, at the Request of K. *Abies* (they being both sufficiently wearied) rested themselves for some time in the middle of their Combat, and then fell to it again with as much Vigour as at first, to the great Admiration of all; that so young a Knight as the *Gentleman of the Sea* was, should endure so long against so well an Experienced Knight as was *Abies* of *Ireland*; who was indeed bigger than the ordinary Sort of Men, and more like a Giant than otherwise; but notwithstanding all his Sights, great Strength, and utmost Endeavours, he was greatly wounded and became very faint; so that our young Knight cut off his left Leg from his Body: At which the King fell down, which the *Gentleman of the Sea* seeing, soon ran upon him, and disarming him
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on his Head, forced him to yield himself conquered, and finding himself likely to dye, he commanded his Forces to deliver back to *K. Perion*, all such Places as he had taken from him, and only depart with his Body into his own Country: This Command was exactly obeyed, and he soon after dyed. Our young Knight having thus finished the Combat, was with great Joy and Triumph received into the City, but by the way he was called to by the Damsel of *Denmark*, who telling him, That she was come from the Princess *Oriana*, so surprized him, that he was hardly able to sit on his Horse; but she pulling him by the Arm brought him to himself, and delivered out the rest of her Message. The Knowledge of his Name and Parentage much pleased him, and thus commanding the Damsel to go with him, he went forwards to the Court, where he was joyfully received by the Queen and Others; after he was disarmed, he returned to his Lodging, that he might converse further with the Damsel of *Denmark*, who assuring him, That he was highly esteemed of by the Princess *Oriana* greatly pleased him; She told him, That she was
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commanded so soon as she had delivered her Message, to return into *Great Britain* to her Lady; he promised to attend her thither, but there happened such an Accident, as detained him longer than he expected, and she returned without him.

The *Gentleman of the Sea* remaining thus in the Court of the King his Father unknown, as he was one Day walking, he met the Princess *Melicia*, crying for the Loss of a Ring which her Father had left with her. The *Gentleman of the Sea* understanding the Occasion of her Sorrow, to be for a Ring, gave her one from his Finger; which she receiving of him, supposed it to be the same she had lost; for indeed, it was the very Fellow to it, being the Ring was found with him in the Chest, when he was taken out of the Sea, and that which the Princess had lost was the other, which K. *Perion* had kept for himself, when he lent that to the Princess *Elisena* by the Damfel *Darioletta*. The Princess having received this Ring, gave it to her Father, who not long after walking about the Court found the other Ring which the Princess *Melicia* had lost, he viewing them both well was greatly

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greatly amazed ; and calling his Daughter, *asked her*, Where she had that Ring she gave him ; she soon told him to his greater Admiration : For he had often asked the Queen for that Ring, but she never satisfied him of the Truth thereof ; being thus possessed of the two Rings, he went unto her, and after some other Discourse, *told her*, He had both the Rings, and shewed them to her, to her great Amazement : She seeing this, immediately told the King the whole Truth of the Ring, and how it was hung about the Child's Neck, and put with his Sword in a Chest, in which she was forced to put the Child ; and therefore asked Pardon for that Offence, and withal, *she told him*, That she hoped the *Gentleman of the Sea* was her Son : They being both possessed of this Opinion went to his Chamber, but found him asleep on his Bed, and by him the King saw the Sword ; which he very well knew to be the same, he had left with his Queen. At this further Certainty they presently awaked the Prince, and the Queen in Tears, desired to know of him whose Son he was ; to which, he answered her as well as he could, How that he was found on the Sea : The Queen
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hearing this, immediately took him in her Arms, and embracing him, and kissing him, called him *Son*; and soon after told him all the Discourse; so that they rested satisfied that this was their Son, to the great Content of them all three. The Queen likewise asked him, If he had no other Name, but the *Gentleman of the Sea*; to which, he reply'd, Yes; but he was but lately acquainted therewith: And then he told them the Manner of his Knowledge thereof, and shewed them the Writing, which the Queen knew to be the Writing of *Darioletta*. Thus they being fully satisfied, great was the Joy not only of them, but of all the Court; Prince *Agries* was glad, that his Ancient Companion and Friend proved to be his Kinsman, and Congratulated him; but withal, he desired Leave to depart to Visit a Lady named *Olivia*, Daughter to the K. of *Norway*, of whom he was enamoured; he having formerly travelled those Countries, with an Uncle of his called *Galuanes without Land*; because in Entertainments of Knights he had spent all his Land, and now had only a Castle in *Scotland* in which he lived. *Amadis*, for by that Name he shall go hereafter, hearing

ing the Excuses of his Cousin *Agries*, was satisfied therewith, only desired him to recommend him most humbly to the King and Queen, his Father and Mother; and that he would never be unmindful of those Favours he had received of them. Thus *Agries* departed, as also the Damsel of *Denmark*, to whom, *Amadis* promised shortly to go into *Great Britain*, and come to Court, and that he might be the better known to her, he would come in the same Armour as he fought with *K. Abies*. Thus was *Amadis* left alone with his Father, who for Joy of his Son's being found, caused an Assembly of his Nobles, who came from all parts of the Kingdom to see their young Prince; and thus remained he in all Content possible, but he still remembered his Promise, to go to *Great Britain*; wherefore, he entreated leave of his Father, to go search for his Brother *Galax*, the manner of whose Loss he had heard; he so often importuned his Father and Mother, that at last they consented to his Departure, and he travelling to the Sea-side, found a Ship ready, in which he sailed to *Bristol*, where being come, he set forwards for *Windsor*; where he heard the Court was

was kept : But he had not travelled far, before he was met by a Damsel, who was sent by *Urganda the Unknown*, to seek him ; he understanding thereof, travelled with her towards her Mistress. Now will we leave him at present, and return to *Galaor* his Brother, who being now fitted in every respect, desired the Giant with whom he lived, that he might be made a Knight ; to which he consented, and so being furnished with every thing necessary, they both departed, *Galaor* desiring to receive the Order of *K. Lisuart* ; but by the way, as they came near a Castle, which was moated about ; they saw one Knight fighting with three, two whereof he soon vanquished, and he was ready to cut off the third, when he saw several others coming to assail him : Wherefore he understanding, that he, whose Head he was about to cut off, was Lord over the rest ; he told him, That he should dye immediately, if he did not command the rest to return : the which, they did accordingly : The Knight, who had thus conquered three, was indeed *Amadis*, and with him was *Urganda*, and another Damsel : *Amadis* then called to *Urganda*, to know what was her further plea-

pleasure; to which, *she said*, That he should kill the Knight he had vanquished, unless he presently commanded his People within the Castle, to deliver a Knight to her which was her Friend, and which was Prisoner there. This being done, and the Knight brought forth, came to *Urganda*, and gave her many Thanks for his Deliverance. *Galaor* was close by, and saw all this, and was greatly astonished at the Valour of the Knight who was his Brother; wherefore he desired the Giant that was with him, That he might receive the Order of Knighthood at his Hands; to which the Giant consenting, *Galaor* came forwards and entreated *Amadis* to do him that Honour; *Amadis* asking *Urganda* what he should do in the Case, *she replied*, That he should grant his Request; for, *said she*, Knighthood will be well bestowed on him. Herenpon he dubbed him Knight, and a Sword being wanting, *Urganda* supplied that Want, by shewing them one, that hung in a Tree near hand, which was very good, and the Scabbard very Rich; and, *said she*, hath been there these ten Years for this purpose. This Sword being taken down, and *Galaor* quite fur-

furnished, departed, promising at all times, to be at the Dispose of him who had Knighted him ; he being gone, *Urganda* told *Amadis*, that he whom he had knighted was his own Brother *Galaor*, to his great Content, and he would have gone after him, but that she forbad him, telling him, that in due time they should meet : *Amadis* being satisfied with this Answer, departed from *Urganda* and her Knight, towards *Windsor*. *Galaor* having thus received the Order of Knighthood, went to the Giant *Gandalas*, who now knowing it was fit time, told him, that he desired one Request, to which *Galaor* replied, That he might wholly command him in all Things : Then *Gandalas* told him, How the Giant *Abbadan* had slain his Father, and did forcibly keep the Rock *Galtares* from him : ‘ Therefore, said he, I desire you to fight with him in my Quarrel. *Galaor* not only consented to this, but told him, That he might always command him in any Thing whatsoever. And thus they set forwards towards the Rock *Galtares* : But by the way *Urganda* overtook them, and told *Galaor* he was Son to K. *Périon* of *Gaul*, and that the Knight who had

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knighted him was his own Brother; and
two Years elder than himself; "there-
fore, *said she*, I advise you to take
" Example of his Deeds, for he is the
" best Knight in the World. Great
Content and Pleasure did *Galaor* receive
at this News, and *she said* to the Giant
Gandalas, " Do you not remember, that
" it was by my Advice, that you took
" this Knight from his Parents: Yes,
" Madam, *reply'd the Giant*, and I am ve-
" ry joyful that I took your Counsel:
She having used these Speeches, went a-
way from them, and they went forwards
on their way, till they came to a River's
side, where they staid some time to re-
fresh themselves, and there came two
Damsels towards them; but seeing the
Giant would have fled, 'till *Galaor* assu-
red them they should have no harm; so
they staid, and the one said to the o-
ther, " I am going to see a strange Fight,
" that is to be performed between one
" single Knight, and the strong Giant
" at the Rock *Galtaxes*. The Other
hearing that News consented to stay, and
see that Fight, and *Galaor* hearing their
Communication, told them, That he
would go thither with them: When they
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came near the Place, the Gyant *Gandalas* at his Request left him, and the Damsels being now near the Place, he went into a little Hermitage, and told the Hermit of his Intent to fight with the Giant, who endeavoured to perswade him therefrom; but all in vain, so desiring the Prayers of the Hermit he departed, and being now within sight of the Giant's Castle, one of the Damsels asked him, if he knew the Knight that was to fight.

"Lady, replied he, I have seen him,

"wherefore I pray tell me, who sent

"you to behold this Fight? Sir, said she,

"A Lady; but none must know, but he

"who shall fight with the Giant. Thus

did they discourse till they arrived at the

Castle, and there did *Galaor* discover

himself to be the Person, that was to

fight with the Giant, to the great Ad-

miration of the two Damsels, who agreed

to see the End of the Fight; and *Galaor*

going to the Castle Gate, declared to the

Porter thereof what was his Business, to

the great Astonishment of them all; here

did he stay in Expectation of the Giant's

coming forth.

Albadan the Giant having Notice of *Galaor's* Arrival, quickly issued forth from his

Castle, mounted on one of the mightiest Horses that was ever seen; he was armed with Iron plates, and he had a Mace in his Hand of an exceeding Bigness; great Fear did he put the Damsels to, and *Galaor* himself was in great doubt of the Battel! but knowing it was now no time to give back, he bravely made up towards the Giant, giving him such a Courasado, that he forced him to lose his Stirrups; the Giant became so enraged hereat, that endeavouring to strike *Galaor* with his Mace, he missed of his Blow, and killed his own Horse therewith, so that he fell down dead; but he soon served *Galaor* in like manner, killing his Horse with a blow of his Mace; *Galaor* soon got up again, and watching the Giant's next blow, he cut his Mace in two, and soon after gave him so great a blow with his Sword, that he cut off one of his Arms, and wounded him on the Leg: At this the Giant began to swear and blaspheme, and it was not long before he lost another Hand, the Pain whereof, and of his Wound on the Leg made him fall down; so that *Galaor* coming nearer to him cut his Head from his Body. This Victory thus obtained, he went towards the Castle, whose

whose Gates he found open, and all People as well in the Castle as Places adjoining submitted to him ; but he told them, He had done this only on behalf of *Gandalas*, to whom he made them swear Allegiance. Thus having released the Prisoners, and done all other Things necessary, he went to the Hermitage, and thanked God for his Victory. The two Damsels who had attended him, now parted ; one to the Court of *K. Lisuart*, by whom *Galaor* sent Commendations to his Brother *Amadis*, and with the other *Galaor* journeyed, to see her Lady from whom she came to find him ; he riding musing before heard a Noise, and looking back, saw five Footmen with Halberds and one Dwarf on Horse-back ; who had seized on the Damsel, and the Dwarf was beating her : Wherefore he hasting thither, quickly dispatched two of the Footmen, and the rest with the Dwarf fled away. Thus having relieved the Damsel they passed on, but they had not gone far, before they were again disturbed by the same Dwarf, and three Knights who he had brought to his Assistance, demanding the Damsel against her Will ; but *Galaor* in short time vanquished them,

and forced the Dwarf to betake himself to his Horses heels: After this they journeyed very quietly, till the Damsel brought him to a Castle, where she told him, That he should not only be entertained, but also see her Lady, and at length with some difficulty, by reason of his Armour, he got over a Wall, and there met another Damsel; who enquiring of him his Name, he told them, That it was *Galaor*, and that he was Son to K. *Perion* of *Gaul*; so they conducted him further into a Chamber, where was a Curious Lady, named *Aldena*, who was Daughter to K. *Secolys*; but was bred up here with her Mother's Sister, the Dutches of *Briston*, and with her did the two Damsels leave the Prince all that Night; where you may be sure he was not idle, but being as willing as the Lady, they made no great scruple of Lying together; where you may imagine the Content they received, for they were unwilling to part; only the Damsels at convenient time called him, and he taking his Leave of the Lady, armed himself and went down Stairs; but when he came to the Wall that he was to get over, he saw the Dwarf that had so vexed him before, who had now lain to catch

catch him ; *Galaor* seeing this, quickly got over the Wall, and there his Horse being ready, mounted thereon ; expecting his Enemies who were quickly with him : For the Dwarf had soon called several Knights, telling them, That that Villanous Knight, shewing them *Galaor*, was a Traytor ; having been in the Duke's own Chamber : The Knights hearing this, set upon him and charged him so violently, that they brought him to a bad Condition, having slain his Horse and wounded him ; but he very well defended himself, and being more angred at the Dwarf than any one elie, he came near him, and seizing on his Bridle, gave him such a punch, that he fell from his Horse sore bruised ; on which *Galaor* quickly mounted, and the Horse being somewhat unruly, soon forced his way from the Knights, and carried *Galaor* a great way off ; where he turned about, and out of a Window saw his Amorous Lady, making Signs for him to be gone, for he saw more Knights coming after him : Wherefore he made haste into a Forrest, and so they left pursuit of him and came back ; where they took up the Dwarf, who being come to himself, desired to be carried

to the Duke, where when he was come, he made a Complaint against the Damsel, telling him, How he met her in the Forrest, and because he would have accompanied her home, she cryed out, till a Knight came to her Aid, who killed his Men and beat him, and afterwards he followed him with three Knights, and they likewise were discomfited: Lastly, She brought the same Knight to the Duke's Castle, and suffered him to be with her all Night in his own Chamber. The Damsel wholly denied the Matter, and called the Dwarf Traytor; saying, That he would have forced her. The Duke hearing these Contradictions, and believing the Dwarf, committed the Damsel to Prison; where though she remained long and endured much, yet would she not discover her Ladies Secrets: And now will we leave her and *Galaor's* Affairs, to say somewhat of *Amadis*; *Amadis* departed from *Urganda* much contented, in that he had found out his Brother, and that he was so near his Princess *Oriana*: So travelling through a Forrest he was benighted, and seeing a Castle he made haste thither, in hopes to get Entertainment; when he came thither, he heard
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the People within were very merry, but do he what he could he could not get Entrance ; but was basely and proudly abused by the Lord of the Place, who called him *Owl*, and bid him go seek a Lodging elsewhere: *Amadis* was so troubled hereat, that he would willingly have fought with him ; but the other reply'd, he should then stay till Day ; before which time, said he, " I doubt you will be gone " for fear. *Amadis* desired to know his Name, to which the other replied, That it was *Dardan* : Thus was *Amadis* forced to depart, and pass some part of the Night in the open Fields ; but at length he met with two Damsels, who entertained him Courteously in their Tents, and gave him a Pallat to lye on : He told them of the Abuse he had received of *Dardan*, and they told him, That they were travelling towards *Windsor*, to see a Combat between the same *Dardan* and some other. *Amadis* desired to know what was the Occasion of the Fight, so one of them told him, That *Dardan* had to his Friend a Lady, whose Father being dead, she demanded all the Goods of her Father, and would leave none to her Mother-in-law ; this she demanded, and

Dardan was to be her Champion; so that, said the Damsel, the poor distressed Widow is likely to be bereaved of all her Means; for I cannot hear of any Champion she hath got to defend her Quarrel, and justifie her Right to the Goods, and this Combat is to be fought within these three Days; and *Dardan* is so redoubted a Knight, that it is doubted, the Lady will get no Knight to encounter with him, and he is of so proud a Nature, that he is called *Dardan* the Proud. *Amadis* hearing this Relation, was much pleased therewith, and therefore, he told the Damsel, That he would not fail to appear in the Field against *Dardan*, as Champion for the Widow; and said he, "I hope to be revenged on him for the Injury he hath lately done me. The Damsels were very glad of this, and were resolved to keep him Company; the next Day they travelled along together, but he was musing before how he should bear himself in the Combat, which was to be fought before his Princess *Oriana*; when the Damsels called out for help, for two Knights endeavoured to force them. *Amadis* seeing that, came towards them, when one of the Knights understanding his

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his Intent, couched his Launce and ran at him; but *Amadis* sent him over his Horse's Crupper; which the other Knight seeing, likewise ran against him; but he fared no better than his Companion, who lay still on the Ground. *Amadis* seeing them both lye still, passed on with the Damsels, putting them before him; but they were not gone far, but both the Knights came again, telling *Amadis*, that he must defend the Ladies as well with the Sword as the Launce; which he hearing, soon drew his Sword and so bestirred himself, that in short time they were vanquished; and *Amadis* caused them to swear, never for the future to force Ladies against their Wills: This highly pleased the Damsels, who now had a good Opinion of him, that he might conquer *Dardan*. That Night they lodged at a Ladies House, who gave them good Entertainment; and the next Day they came near to *Windfor*: Wherefore he desired 'em to go before, and when *Dardan* did come into the Field to send him Word; For, *said he*, I desire to be unknown. They did accordingly, and so rode alone only attended by *Gandalin*, he went to the Top of a Hill, where he saw the Town and Castle;

Castle, which put him in remembrance of his Fair Princess, that was therein enclosed. While he stood in this manner, there came by a Troop of Knights and Ladies, among the rest was the distressed Widow; with whom *Amadis* entred into Communication, and understood by her, that she was still unprovided of a Champion; wherefore he comforted her in the best sort he could, telling her, That if she trusted in God, he would provide for her. Thus did he part from her, and went to the Pavillion, where he met the Damsels, and they told him, That *Dardan* was already arrived and in the Field, and that to Morrow would be the Day: So they rested that Night, and the next Day *K. Lisuart* with all his Court of Ladies and Knights came into the Field, and *Dardan* presented himself before the King; no Champion for the Widow appeared, wherefore the Damsels who were there presented, dispatched a Messenger to *Amadis*, who in a short time, came into the Field, mounted on a brave white Courser, and Aimed as he promised the Damsel of *Denmark*; he managed his Horse so bravely, that all Eyes were fixed on him; being entred the Lists, he
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came to *Dardan*, and said, " Sir Knight,
" Are you the Champion against the Wi-
" dow? To which, *he replied*, Yes, what
" of that? Why then, said *Amadis*, am
" I come to encounter with you, as well
" on the behalf of the distressed Widow,
" as to keep a Promise I made you, to
" meet you in the Day time: When
" was that, *quoth Dardan*? It was, said
" *Amadis*, not many Nights since, when
" you refused me Lodging, in an Eve-
" ning, made me seek it in the Fields. In
" good time, said *Dardan*, and I am rea-
" dy for you. So the distressed Lady
having accepted of *Amadis* for her Cham-
pion, The two Knights separated them-
selves, that they might encounter each o-
ther. At the Sound of Trumpets they
both met with such Force, that their
Launces entring their Armour brake to
pieces, which pieces they soon pull'd
out, and drawing their Swords, assault-
ed each other with great Violence, Ma-
ny were the Blows they gave one ano-
ther, and long time they endured, to the
great Admiration of the Beholders: *A-*
madis having before him his Lady *Ori-*
ana, was so encouraged by her Presence,
that as often as he looked on her his For-

ces renewed ; so that *Dardan's* Forces decreased, and *Amadis* was as fresh as at the beginning. The Horse of *Dardan* was likewise sore wearied, so that he often stumbled, which *Dardan* seeing, he thus spake to *Amadis*, “ Sir Knight, I think
 “ it will be convenient for us to leave
 “ our Horses, and try our Fortunes on
 “ Foot. *Amadis* replied, Although Sir
 “ Knight, it ill beseems any Knight to
 “ leave his Horse so long as he can sit on
 “ him ; yet, that it may not be said or
 “ thought, that I have any Advantage, I
 “ shall consent to your Request ; and
 hereupon he dismounted, as also did *Dardan* : And now they again began the Battle afresh, but *Amadis* if he had any Advantage before now doubled it ; for he gave two Stroaks for one, and wearied *Dardan* so much, that he did drive him about the Field. At length he came under the Scaffold, where the Queen and Ladies sat, and there they cryed out, *Dardan* is vanquished : Amongst the rest, he heard the Voice of the Damsel of *Denmark*, wherewith he was so surprized, that he stood as in amaze ; which *Dardan* seeing, made use of that Opportunity, and taking Heart afresh, charged his Enemy

my most bravely without any Resistance; for all this while stood *Amadis* leaning with his Sword on the Ground. *Amadis* being at length come out of his Amazement, as well by the Words of the Dam-sel of *Denmark*, as by the Stroaks of *Dardan*; and fearing least his Lady *Oriana*, should esteem him a Coward, reached *Dardan* such a Stroak on the Helmer, that he made him set both his Hands to the Ground, and falling on him, he soon tore his Helmet from his Head, and taking him by the Hair of the Head, he beat him about the Face, saying, "*Dardan*, thou art dead, if thou dost not confess thy self vanquished and the Lady free. To this *Dardan* soon agreed, crying for Mercy; then came the King and others from their Seats, to see what *Dardan* would say; and in the mean time, *Amadis* retired from the getting out of the Crowd, down the Field towards the Forest. The King of *Dardan* likewise followed him, seeing him in that Company, he said to him, "*Dardan*, Henceforth thou shalt have no other Friend for the future, but me; no other Person, but I, who hath conquered you. Yet I will not

“ said *Dardan*, is this the Reward of my
 “ Life and Honour adventured for you?
 “ You are not then the Friend to *Dar-*
 “ *dan*, but to Fortune. Hath then my
 “ Enemy been more merciful than you,
 “ I shall cause all Women to take Ex-
 “ ample by your Fall. And therewith,
 before any one could imagine it, he cut
 her Head clean from her Body, and in a
 desperate Madneſs he ſtaring about him,
 ſtabbed himſelf; reſolving not to outlive
 his Miſfortunes. Thus fell this proud and
 daring Knight, and at his Laſt Act of his
 Life, teſtified the Greatneſs of his Cou-
 rage and Revenge!

The Fight being thus finiſhed, K. *Liſ-*
vart gave Order for a Monument to be
 erected in the Field where it had been,
 with the manner of the Death of theſe
 two inconfiderate and unfortunate Lo-
 vers. The King being retired into the
 Caſtle, ſent out Meſſengers to ſeek the
 Knight that had vanquiſhed *Dardan*; but
 they returned with this Answer, That he
 was ſeen to go towards the Forreſt, ſo
 ſoon as the Fight was ended: This en-
 creased a Deſire in the King and his
 Nobles to know who this Knight ſhould
 be. The Princeſs *Oriana* was much con-
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cerned in the Knowledge of this Knight, for after she had conferred with the Damsel of *Denmark*, she supposed that it was *Amadis*; "For, said the Damsel, this is "about the Time that he promised to "come hither, and he promised to be mounted on a white Horse, and bear on his Shield two Lions Azure Rampant in a Golden Field; and I did observe, that he had a white Horse, and forasmuch as I could see, he had the same pourtraiture on his Shield; this Discourse gave some Content to the Princess, who earnestly desired his Company: But *Amadis*, after the Combat was ended, made hast to the Damsels Tent; where being come, unarmed himself, and the Damsels then told him the End of *Dardan* and his Lady; whereat he was abashed. *Amadis* being now much troubled how he should make himself known, called *Gandalin* aside, and after some Conference together, they concluded, that he should go to the Court, and discover himself to the Damsel of *Denmark*; and as Occasion should serve to *Oriana* and others: *Gandalin* being very glad of this Employment, hastened thither on foot, and he had not gone far, but he was met by the Damsel of *Denmark*, who

who was employed by her Lady on the same Occasion; she soon knew him and received him joyfully, and knowing that she could not please her Mistress better, after she had given him Instructions how to behave himself, conducted him to the Princess, who gladly received him. " Sir, " said *Oriana* to him (*taking him aside*) " I hope your Master is in good Health, " I had thought e'er this, he would have " performed his Promise in giving me a " Visit. Madam, said *Gandalin*, my Ma- " ster is in good Health, and humbly re- " commends himself to your good Grace; " and assure your self, Madam, he will " be much better, when he shall under- " stand by me, that you do him the Fa- " vour to have him in your Remem- " brance: For, Madam, he liveth not, " but by remembring of you, and in " hopes that he may in time, do some- " thing worthy of your Esteem; he had " waited on you e'er this time, had he " thought his Company had bin pleasing " to you, and he only waited the Op- " portunity of doing somewhat, that " might be worthy of himself and you; " and the Opportunity of Fighting on " behalf of the distressed Widow, being " of-

" offered, he hath lately appeared be-
 " fore you, with his Sword in his Hands ;
 " that he might make appear his Zeal to
 " serve you, in doing what good lay in
 " his Power for the distressed. Ah ! Sir,
 " said *Oriana*, Was it then your Master
 " who fought so valiantly against *Dar-*
 " *dan* ? Yes, Madam, said *Gandalin*. Well,
 " said *Oriana*, return him Thanks from
 " me for that Service, and tell him that
 " I shall be glad to see him at Court,
 " that I may give him that Respect,
 " which is due to his Vertue. But, Ma-
 " dam, said *Gandalin*, he sent me before,
 " to desire your Instructions in what it
 " is necessary for him to do ; for without
 " your Commands, he dares not present
 " himself before you ; therefore, Ma-
 " dam, if you would be pleased to give
 " him private Access to you, it would
 " give him great Satisfaction, and then
 " you might the better resolve of what
 " is further necessary to be done : To
 " that the Princess replied, that she was
 " as desirous to speak with him as he
 " was ; and in order thereunto, said she,
 " let him come the Night into this Gar-
 " den, and the Chamber under this is
 " that of his Cousin *Mabilla*, at whose
 " Win-

“ Window he may knock, and we shall
 “ be ready to receive him: For, Madam
 “ *Mabila*, is well enough acquainted with
 “ my Affairs and my Affection to him;
 “ and, *said she*, I pray recommend me
 “ to him, and give to him this Ring
 “ (which she then plucked from her Fin-
 “ ger) as a Token of my Affection to
 “ him: And without further Discourse,
 she called to *Mabila*, saying, “ Madam,
 “ this Gentleman is lately come from
 “ your Mother. The Queen hearing of
 this, enquired of her Health, and desired
 to know how soon he returned; “ For,
 “ *said she*, I intend to send a Present by
 “ him. Madam, *said Oriana*, he cometh
 “ to enquire for his Master *Amadis*, who
 “ is Cousin to *Mabila*: *Gandalin* having
 made his Addresses to *Mabila*, inform-
 ed her of the Health and Condition of
 his Master, and what Discourse he had
 with Madam *Oriana*, desiring her to be
 assistant to his Master in the prosecution
 of his Love. To which, she told him,
 he needed not doubt thereof; and thus
Gandalin having executed the Desires of
 his Lord, departed, to give him an Ac-
 count thereof; when he came near his
 Master *Amadis*, they went apart from the
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Damsels ; and first of all *Amadis* embraced him, not daring to ask how he had sped ; but *Gandalin* seeing the Agitations of his Spirit by the Motion of his Body, without much Circumstance fell into the Matter, and related to his Master all the Discourse he had with his Lady, to his great Contentment and Joy ; so that he being as it were ravished with Content, said to *Gandalin*, “ Now, Dear Friend, “ am I more beholding to you for this “ one Action, then to your Father, for “ preserving me from the Sea. *Gandalin*, to make his Joy the more compleat, delivered him the Ring, which he received with great Affection : And at the time appointed, they both went to the Place appointed, which was the Chamber of *Mabila* ; being come thither, *Amadis* knocked softly at the Window, which they within soon heard, and *Oriana* soon arose, putting on a Night Mantle went to the Window ; *Amadis*, when he saw her, was so surprized, that he was not able to speak one Word ; wherefore the Princess thus began to him, “ Sir Knight, “ you see how ready I am to perform “ your Desires, but, I hope, this my “ Forwardness in appearing so ready “ thereto,

“ will not be misconstrued by you ; for
 “ rather had I lose my Life, than that
 “ my Honour should be in the least wise
 “ spotted. Madam, replied *Amadis*, I
 “ know not what Thanks to return to
 “ you, for these many Favours you have
 “ always heaped upon me ; but assure
 “ your self, Madam, that the remaining
 “ part of my Life, shall be wholly spent
 “ in such Actions as you shall command
 “ me ; that I may merit this great Fa-
 “ vour. Sir, *said she*, I had thought e’er
 “ this time to have seen you, but under-
 “ stand the Cause of your Stay, hath bin
 “ by reason of your being acquainted
 “ with your Parents ; so that now you
 “ are of better Quality, then you esteem-
 “ ed your self to be, when last I saw you.
 “ Madam, *said he*, if I am unbettered in
 “ my Condition, I am very glad of it,
 “ since you like of it ; but were I Ma-
 “ ster of the World, I should think my
 “ self still unworthy to be your Servant.
 “ Sir, *said she*, let that suffice as hath been
 “ already said, for I’ll assure you, I ex-
 “ pect no other Service, but your Love
 “ and Affection towards me shall prompt
 “ you to ; of that, Madam, you may
 “ always assure your self, *said he*. They
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would have continued longer in this manner of Discourse, but that the Princess *Mabila* interrupted them, by telling them, it would be needful for them, to conclude of somewhat for him to do for the present ; in order to his Appearance at Court : “ For, *said she*, I know the Princess *Oriana* having been so long without you, will not be willing you shall suddenly leave her ; and as for my own part, *said she*, I shall desire the further Enjoyment of your good Company. *Amadis* kindly thanked her, for her Affection towards him, and so they concluded, that he should the next Day come to Court, and continue there if the King requested. Thus having drawn their Discourse to this Conclusion, he after an infinite Number of Kisses, which he bestowed on the Fair Hand of his Princess, departed to his Tent, and she to her Rest. Early in the Morning he arose, and at the Request of the Damsels (who were of Kin to the Widow, for whom he had fought against *Dardan*) he in their Company, went towards the Court of *K. Lisivart* ; to desire Justice of him in behalf of the Widow, and that she might be restored to her Goods. The Lady her self gave

gave him many Thanks, and so they passed on to the King; when he was come into his Presence, putting his Knee to the Ground, he thus said, "Mighty King, "I am come into your Presence, as a "Petitioner for Justice for this Fair Lady, in whose Cause you have seen me "fight, and by the Justice thereof, I "have had Force to overcome *Dardan* "her Enemy and mine: Therefore, I "question not, but you will be so just, "as to put her into Possession of what "is her due. Sir Knight, *reply'd the* "King, assure your self, that I am so "great a Lover of Justice, that I shall not "deny your Request, and e'er this I "should have done it, but that I only "staid to see you; and know, Sir, "Knight, that you are heartily welcome. This being said, the King caused *Amadis* to arise, and seeing him so young and handsom, did greatly wonder who he should be, but it was not long e'er he was satisfied in that particular; for *Gandalin* coming into the Presence, and seeing his Master, made as if he had not in long time seen him, and putting his Knee to the Ground, he cryed, "Ah, "Good Lord *Amadis*, now is my Labour

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“ at an End, for that I have found you :
The King hearing this, very well pleased
in the Knowledge of his Guest, and ve-
ry desirous he was to stay him in his
Court ; but *Amadis* the better to dissem-
ble the Matter, desired Leave to depart
presently : The King at length brought
him into the Presence of the Queen and
her Ladies, where he was so importuned
by the Queen, the Princesses *Oriana* and
Mabila, and other Ladies ; that he at
length consented to stay in the Court,
and remain their Knight, to the great
Satisfaction of the Queen, and her La-
dies ; and of the King and others : And
here shall we leave him to return to *Ga-*
laor, who having received a Wound at
the Duke of *Bristow*'s Castle, was much
troubled, because he could not find any
Body to heal it ; he being lost in the
Forrest : At length he met with a Squire,
of whom he desired to be informed,
where he might go to have his Wound
drest : The Squire being a Villain refused
to inform him willingly, so that *Galaor*
enforcing him thereto, he conducted him
to a Castle ; where instead of good Usage,
he was assaulted by several Knights and
Halberdiers on Foot ; but he by the Assi-

stance of his own Squire, soon vanquished them all: Here did did his Squire fight valiantly, killing two of the Halberdiers; and here did *Galaor* meet with a Fair Lady, that was a Prisoner, who not only cured him of the Wounds on his Body, but also one he received by Love, for they enjoyed each other; and he in requital of her Kindness, not only released her from Prison, but conducted her to a Monastery, where her Mother was: This Lady was Daughter to *Theolois the Fleming*, Count of *Clare*, and with her, will we leave *Galaor*, to speak of other Matters.

Amadis having thus vanquished *K. Abies* of *Ireland*, and after that being known to his Father and Mother, as you have formerly heard; *Agries* Prince of *Scotland*, taking his Leave of them all, departed towards *Norway*, in hopes to meet with his Lady *Olivia*; he travelling by the Sea-side, caused his Tent to be erected, and it being a stormy Night, a Ship that was sailing that Ways, was forced to put in for Harbour: In the Ship there was several Ladies, which *Agries* understanding, he invited them to come ashore, and make use of his Tent; the which he

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left for that purpose : The Ladies being entered, and he walking about came near to the Tent, out of Curiosity to know who they were ; where he saw his Fair Lady the Princess *Olivia* ; great was his Joy at the Sight of her, and then he made such Means, that he was admitted into her Company, and they having born Affection to one another for a long time, now having the Opportunity, made such use thereof, that the Fair Princess lost her Maiden-head, and so well pleased they were in each others Company, that they remained together for the space of six Days ; during which time, they enjoyed one another with such Privacy, that none knew thereof, but certain of her Damselfs that attended her : The six Days being ended they parted, she onward of her way to *Great Britain*, whither she was sent to be bred up in that Court ; he promising her to come thither suddenly, left her, and departed to *Scotland* ; where having gained Leave of his Father, and gotten his Uncle *Galvanes* to bear him Company, he departed for *Great Britain*, and in short time landed at *Bristow*, where they met with a Damsel who informed them, that the Giant *Albadan* was lately

slain by *Galaor*, and for him she was searching, that he might come to help the Damsel that had brought him to the Fair *Aldena*; who (by reason she would confess nothing of what the Dwarf accused her of) the Duke had ordered to be burnt. Much Pleasure did *Agries* and *Galuanes* take, in hearing of the Valiant Deeds of *Galaor*, whom they supposed to be dead; and therefore they rode back with the Damsel, resolving for *Galaor's* sake, to do what was necessary in the Matter. Being come to the Duke of *Bristow's* Castle in the Presence of the Duke, *Agries* undertook to fight in Defence of the Damsel, against any Champion the Dwarf should produce; the Dwarf hearing this, brought a Kinsman of his to defend his Cause; with whom *Agries* fought and vanquished him. The Duke was so enraged hereat, that he not only refused to deliver the Damsel from Prison, but ordered her the next Day to be burned, in despite of *Agries* and *Galuanes* whom he defied; as also all Knights Errants. But *Galuanes* and *Agries* did the next Day so well behave themselves that they rescued the Damsel from Fire, in despite of the Duke and all his Company; and wound-

ing the Duke himself brought off the Damsel, and retired to the House of a good Knight called *Olivas*, who was an Enemy to the Duke ; for that he had treacherously slain a Kinsman of his, and therefore he agreed to go along with them to K. *Lisuart*, and there accuse the Duke and Combate with him ; the two Knights *Agries* and *Galvanes* resolving to assist him if he brought any Seconds ; and thus *Olivas* arming himself they set forwards to *Windsor*, where they hoped to find King *Lisuart*.

Amadis residing in the Court of King *Lisuart*, heard News one Day of his Brother *Galaor*, by the Damsel who saw him fighting with the Giant *Albadan* at the Rock of *Galteres* ; he was greatly pleased with this News, and so was the Queen and Ladies ; wishing, that he would likewise come to Court. *Amadis* being very desirous of his Brother's Company, entreated the Queen and Ladies to give him Leave to leave the Court for some time to seek his Brother ; to which Request of his they hardly consented, but on his Promise of a speedy Return they gave him leave to depart : Wherefore early the next Morning accompanied by *Gandalin*,

dalin, he left the Court, and riding thorough a Forrest, he met a Lady weeping and making great Lamentations; *Amadis* asking the Cause of her Sorrow, she told him that it was for her Husband there wounded in a Litter, and he had bin so cruelly handled by a Knight not far off that kept a Bridge, suffering none to pass over that were of K. *Lisuart's* Court; because he keeps a Knight that slew *Dardan*. "My Husband, *said the*
 "Lady, hearing him use Villainous
 "Speeches of K. *Lisuart*, fought with
 "him, but was brought to this Extremity, and then the Knight commanded me to cause my Husband to be carried to K. *Lisuart*, to despite and anger him. *Amadis* hearing of this, was resolved to revenge this Quarrel, and therefore he desired the Lady to spare him one of her Squires to conduct him thither: "For, *said he*, I am bound to
 "justifie your Husband, being he who
 "slew *Dardan*. The Lady hearing this, lent him a Squire, and parted from *Anadis*; who some time after arrived at the Place where the Knight was, who would have hindred him from passing the Bridge. But *Amadis* prepared himself for
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the Combat, and the more to despight him, told him, That he was the Knight that slew *Dardan* : Which the other hearing, assaulted *Amadis* very furiously, but his Anger was soon abated, by cutting his Head from his Body. Thus *Amadis* leaving the Knight headless, departed, and met with a Dwarf, of whom he demanded, if he had seen a young Knight named *Galaor* ; the Dwarf reply'd, No ; " but, said he, I can bring you to the best Knight in the World, if you will grant me one Boon. To this *Amadis* consented, hoping to meet his Brother : Thus rode they on together, till they saw three Knights together fighting, and their Quarrel being but trivial, *Amadis* made them Friends ; One of them asked him, If he knew the Knight that had killed *Dardan* ; " Yes, said he, I have lately seen him in *K. Lisvart's* Court. Having thus answered them, he departed, but he had not rode far, before they again overtaking him, demanded of him, if he knew where they might meet with that Knight ; he (being resolved not to tell a Lye through Fear) replied, I am the Man. They hearing this, cried out, Ah ! Traytor thou dyest. And so drawing their Swords, they all set up-

on him, but he, at the first Stroak he gave, smote off one of their Arms, whereby he fell from his Horse; the second he cleft asunder to the Teeth, the third seeing this fled away. *Amadis* not being so well mounted, let him escape. Thus rode they on, till at length they saw in a pleasant Valley two high Pine-Trees; and by them two Knights, one on Foot, and the other mounted on Horseback; as also, two other Knights running after their Horses, who had bin lately dismounted. "That Knight on Foot, said the Dwarf, is the Knight "I told you of, and his Name is *Angriote d' Estravans*. *Amadis* desiring to know the Reason of his abiding there, the Dwarf thus informed him, That *Angriote* loved a Lady who hated him, but having obtained her of her Parents, she told him, that she would never endure him unless he performed one thing; to which he consented, which is this; That he and his Brother should for the space of a whole Year guard this Place, and force all Knights to fight with them, and having vanquished them, make them take an Oath to travel to *K. Lisuart's* Court, and there declare, That the Ladies whom they

they loved are not so Beautiful as she is; and for this Cause, *said the Dwarf*, do they continue here all the Day long; and now they have kept this Passage three Months. *Amadis* having heard the Dwarf, went to pass on, but he was interrupted, as you shall hear.

Amadis spurring on his Horse to go forwards, was encountred by a Squire, who told him, That he must turn back, or acknowledge the Lady under the Pines to be more Beautiful than his Mistress; "To neither of these shall I agree, *said* " *Amadis* : Then, *said the Squire*, you " must fight with both these Knights; " that shall I do rather than either of " the other, *said he* : And so riding on, he was encountred by the Brother of *Angriote*; and together they met, so violently, that he fell from his Horse, and lay on the Ground in a Swoon; which *Amadis* seeing, he quickly left his Horse, and beating the other about the Head, till he recovered his Senses, enforced him to yield himself Prisoner. This being done, *Amadis* remounted his Horse, and seeing *Angriote* himself was ready, having received a new Launce, they ran against each other without any visible Ad-

vantage; and *Amadis* at the End of his Career drew his Sword, but at the Desires of *Angriote* he again put it up, and received a fresh Launce, with which he encountred *Angriote* so strongly, that he was thrown to the Earth; and he himself, was wounded with a Trunchion of his Enemies Launce, whih he soon drew out; and then they both assailed each other with their Swords, and *Amadis* behaved himself so valiantly, that *Angriote* remained vanquished, greatly to his Discontent, for that he was now likely to lose his Lady. *Amadis* seeing him so sorrowful, promised him his Assistance and Friendship, and telling him, that e'er long he would return to the Court of K. *Lisuart*; he departed, and travelled with the Dwarf and *Gandalin*, so long, that they arrived near a Castle call'd *Valderin*, belonging to *Arcalaus* an Enchanter; who though he were very Valiant, and almost as big as any Giant, yet was he very villanous, killing or imprisoning all such Knights and Ladies as came into his Power; and amongst others he had lately slain a Knight, who had been Master to the Dwarf: For which Cause, the Dwarf had brought *Amadis*,

Amadis, to revenge his Master's Death. *Amadis* hearing this, passed on with the Dwarf, and entred the Castle Gates, but the Dwarf was in so great fear of *Arcalaus*, that he would go no further ; but *Amadis* passed on, and heard the sad Lamentations of several Prisoners, whom he delivered, among the rest was a Fair Lady Wife to K. *Arban* of *Norwales* ; which *Amadis* well knew in the Court of K. *Lisuart*. *Amadis* having fought with the Gaoler, and several of the Guard, and slain them ; at last understood, that he must fight with *Arcalaus* himself, who was now arrived at the Castle, and had taken the Dwarf and *Gandalin*, and imprisoned them, whom *Amadis* delivered, and then rested himself till Morning. When *Arcalaus* appearing armed, they encountred each other with so great Violence, that they were both dismounted ; which *Arcalaus* seeing, desired to know the Name of his Enemy, which *Amadis* told him, and then they began a most furious Combat with the Sword ; where *Amadis* so handled his Enemy, that he was well nigh vanquished ; which *Arcalaus* perceiving, and that he could not long hold out, such was his Faintness for
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loss of Blood; he bethought himself of a piece of Treachery, and running from his Enemy entred a Chamber, into which *Amadis* pursuing him, fell down as dead. This Chamber was thus ordered by Enchantment, and here the Noble Prince *Amadis* fell into the Power of his Enemy, who being glad hereof soon disarmed him, and put on his Armour, resolving to ride to K. *Lisuart's* Court, and there inform the King, that he had slain *Amadis* in Combat. Thus after he had taken Order for the Imprisoning of the Dwarf, *Gandalin*, and others, and given Charge, that the Body of *Amadis* should not be removed, till he were absolutely dead; he departed towards the Court of K. *Lisuart*. Great Lamentations did the Lady *Grindaloga*, Wife to K. *Arban* make, seeing *Amadis* in such a sad Condition; but she was soon eased, for there entred into the Room, two other Ladies with many Candles lighted, which they disposed in several Parts of the Chamber, and one of them taking out of a Casket which she had, a Book; began to read therein, and was answered by many unknown Voices: Soon after another Book came flying in-

to the Room, which the Lady took, and dividing it into four Parts, burned it at the four Corners of the Room, and then coming to *Amadis*, she took him by the Hand and said, *Lord Amadis arise*. The which he did, much wondring at that which had happened, the two strange Ladies immediately departed; and *Amadis* looking about for *Arcalaus*, was informed by the Lady *Grindaloga*, and the Wife of *Arcalaus* who was there present; how *Arcalaus* having put on his Armour, was gone to the Court of K. *Lisuart*. *Amadis* told them, that he did well remember that he was disarmed, but he supposed that he was in a Dream; then demanded he what was become of *Gandalin* and the Dwarf, he being informed that they were committed to Prison, went and released them; and not only them, but several other Prisoners, in all One Hundred and Fifty Persons; Thirty of which were Knights at Arms. They all being brought out of the Dungeon, fell on their Knees, thanking their Deliverer; among the rest, one Knight desired to know the Name of the Prince, that he might understand to whom he was indebted for his Liberty. *Amadis* having satisfied his Request, the other kindly thanked

thanked him, telling him, That he also was a Knight of K. *Lisvart's* Court named *Brandogras*; *Amadis* being fully satisfied in this, went to the Wife of *Arcalaus*, and caused her to deliver to the Lady *Grindaloga*, a Habit fitting her Quality, and to the Knights Arms and Horses, and he himself took the Arms of *Arcalaus* and his Horse instead of his own; but he was much vexed for the Loss of his good Sword: Being thus accoutred, and having eaten somewhat they departed; *Amadis* being only accompanied with *Brandogras*, and *Grindaloga*, *Gandalin* his Squire, and the Dwarf; who now prayed *Amadis* to accept him as his Servant. Thus travelled they together, and found good Entertainment that Night, but the next Day *Amadis* being desirous to travel alone, took leave of *Brandogras* and *Grindaloga*, who left him to travel to K. *Lisvart's* Court; and he in Company of *Gandalin*, and his Dwarf, had not gone far but they met a Lady, who made a sad Complaint for the Loss of a Casket, which a Knight had taken from her. He soon overtook the Knight, and assalted him in such manner, that he was enforced to deliver the Casket to the Lady; who thankfully received it, and told him that her

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Companion was likewise distressed, being forced away with another Knight that intended Violence towards her. *Amadis* hearing this, rode on apace till he overtook the Knight, who was pulling the Lady by the Hair of the Head into a Wood, that he might ravish her. *Amadis* seeing this, called to him, who espying *Amadis*, soon left the Lady to recover his Horse and Arms, and then being angry that he was hindred of his Will, ran against *Amadis*; who threw him from his Horse, and then caused his own Horse so to trample on his Body, that he remained breathless. The Lady seeing this, kindly thanked her Deliverer, and by this time the other Lady was come to them, and then they soon knew him to be *Amadis*; and he knew that they were the Ladies, that had delivered him from the Enchantment of *Arcalaus*; for which he kindly thanked them, and they told him, that they were sent by *Urganda*: He hearing that, desired his humble Thanks to be returned to that good Lady, and so they parted; he riding one way and they another: But now we will tell you what happened to *Arcalaus*, since he left *Amadis* enchanted.

Within ten Days, *Arcalaus* came near

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to the Court of K. *Lisuart*, and the King taking the Air accompanied with many of his Nobles, soon seeing and supposing him to be *Amadis*; many of the King's Train being of his Acquaintance, rode forwards to bid him welcome; but when they came nearer they perceived they were mistaken: For although *Arcalaus* was armed in the Armour of *Amadis* and mounted on his Horse; yet was his Head unarmed, so that coming nearer they knew their Mistake, and much wondered that a Knight was armed in that Armour. *Arcalaus* being come near the King, told him, That he came according to a Promise made to a Knight, who sometime was Master of this Armour, who, *said he*, I had the good Fortune to vanquish, and we did agree before our Combat, That the Conqueror should appear before your Majesty with the Head of the Conquered; but I understanding, that he (being named *Amadis de Gaul*) was a Knight belonging to your Court, refused to cut off his Head, but only to shew his Arms in token of my Victory.

“ Ah, *said King Lisuart*, is it possible,
 “ that the most Accomplished Knight
 “ in the whole World, is thus soon ta-
 “ ken away in the prime of his Years,
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“ and was the Heavens no more pitiful: And therewith he and all his Followers, made a great Complaint for the Loss of *Amadis*; which *Arcalaus* observing, soon turned his Horse and departed, leaving the King, who now returned to the Court in very great Grief; he was no sooner come to Court, but this News was spread abroad, and came to the Ears of the Damsel of *Denmark*, who waited on the Princess *Oriana*, she hearing hereof, went directly into the Chamber of the Princess, who was accompanied by the Princess *Mabila*; her distracted Countenance, quickly gave them Occasion to enquire into the Cause, which she no sooner told them, but those fatal Words bereft the Princesses both of Life and Motion, to the great Discontent and Affliction of the Damsel, who knew not in this case, how to behave her self; but the Princess *Mabila*, who was the least concerned, came first to her self, and being sensible of the Affliction of the Princess *Oriana*, and seeing her in so sad a Condition, resolved to lay aside her own Sorrow for the present, that she might comfort her; and in Order thereto, she and the Damsel so endeavoured, that the

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Princess came again to her self; but when she opened her Eyes, and considered the Cause of her Affliction, she breathed forth so many bitter Sighs and heavy Complaints, that in the End she again fell into a Swoon. The Princess *Mabila* and the Damsel seeing this, anew began to rub her, and call on her, telling her, that *Amadis* was not dead; at the Name of *Amadis* the Princess again revived, but not seeing him there, she poured out many grievous Lamentations, and could hardly be comforted.

Great Trouble did this News cause throughout all the Court, so generally was he beloved; but as after a Storm a Calm followeth, so this ill News was soon forgotten, by better, which came the next Day, for about Noon there arrived at Court the Queen *Grindaloga*, and the Knight *Brandogras*, who were soon known, and greatly welcomed; having been long absent from Court. But when the K. had demanded of them where they had been, and they had satisfied him in that particular, and how they were delivered from Prison by *Amadis*, and that they had assured him of the good Health of *Amadis*, and how he had escaped the
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Prison of *Arcalaus*. Great was the Satisfaction of the King and all the Court, but if they were pleased with this News, you may imagine the great Content the Princess *Oriana* received, for I am not able to express it; she sent for the Queen *Grindaloga*, who told her the Manner of her Deliverance, the Combat of *Amadis* with *Arcalaus*, the Treasonable Practice of his Enchantment, and his Deliverance therefrom; never was the Princess wearied with hearing this Recital, and so great Content did she receive thereby, that she caused her to recite every particular several times over, and she would have desired the Queen's Company much longer, but that her Husband *Arban* sent for her to come into the Queen's Chamber: And there must we leave them to return to *Amadis*, who having left *Urganda's* Damsels, travelled in search of his Brother *Galaor*, till it was his Chance to meet with a Chariot covered with Purple, and guarded by several Knights, he seeing this, coming to one of the Knights asked him, What was within the Charriot? To which Question, the Knight refused to give any Answer; Wherefore, *Amadis* being desirous to be satisfied

satisfied went nearer the Charriot, intending to lift up the Covering; but two Knights opposed him, and he was forced to fight with them; whom he in a short time vanquished, and then two more assailed him, and he being likely to put them to the worst; all the rest of the Knights who were Guardants of the Charriot, came to their Assistance, and assaulted him with great Force; but he, after long Continuance of Fight, either killed, vanquished, or put them to flight, and then coming near the Charriot he lifted up the Covering, and there he saw the Effigies of a King Crowned, who had received a great Wound on the Head; and by this Effigies was an Ancient Lady, and a Fair young Lady; he seeing this, addressed himself to the Ancient Lady, desiring her to inform him of that Effigies; she refused him an Answer, and looking out of the Charriot, perceived how the Guards were vanquished, wherefore in a great Anger, she caused the Horses to make haste to a Castle there close by, into which she entred; *Amadis* riding on, one of the Knights whom he vanquished came out of the Castle, and told him, that the two Ladies who were

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in the Charriot desired his Company in the Castle; he, hearing this, though he much doubted him, yet went with him, resolving to put all Fear aside, and so entering the Castle the Ladies bid him Welcome; but all the Knights who were in the Castle, being a great many, with their Swords in their Hands, commanded him to yield himself Prisoner; which he refusing to do, they all assaulted him: In this Fight he was very much wounded, but in the End became Victor.

Then came the two Ladies to him, and delivered him his Servants that had been made Prisoners, and gave him a Horse instead of his own which had bin slain, and likewise so far prevailed with him, that he continued there all that Night: But if they were surprized at his Valour, they did much more admire at his Comeliness and Beauty when he was unarmed, and came into their Presence. After Supper was ended, he again renewed his Request, desiring to know the meaning of the Effigies of the King in the Charriot; to which the *Old Lady* reply'd, "Most Redoubted and Valiant Sir, the Effigies which you saw in the Charriot, did represent the Person of this young Ladies

“ Ladies Father, who whilst he lived
“ was King of a Place, called *Sobradisa* ;
“ this King had a Brother, named *Abi-*
“ *seos*, who being of a Traiterous Inclination,
“ plotted the Death of his Brother that he might enjoy the Kingdom ;
“ and one Day the King being Crowned,
“ and a Feasting in his Court, the Traiterous *Abiseos* came to him, and drawing
“ a Sword from under his Gown, only telling him, that he had as much
“ Right to the Crown he wore as he himself. He suddenly struck him on the
“ Head, in such manner as is represented in the Effigies ; and thus having killed
“ the King, he having before confederated with certain Traiterous Servants
“ of the Kings, caused himself to be
“ Crowned King ; and thus doth he usurp the Crown and Kingdom ; the
“ King leaving behind him no other
“ Heirs but this one Daughter ; who was then preserved by the Care of an Ancient Knight here present, and brought
“ unto me her sorrowful Aunt ; and to the End she might gain her Kingdom,
“ we caused the Effigies so to be made,
“ and every Day drawn about in a Charriot, that we might meet with Knights
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“ whom we might engage in this Quarrel.
Amadis having heard her thus conclude
her Discourse, *thus replied*, “ Ladies, I
“ am so great a Lover of Justice, that
“ you may assure your self of my Assi-
“ stance, and this you might have done
“ without Compulsion ; but now, I pray,
“ inform me, what must be done for
“ this Ladies Restoration. Sir Knight,
“ *reply'd the Ancient Lady*, this K. *Abiseos*
“ hath two Sons, named *Darrifou* and
“ *Dramis* ; who with himself must be
“ fought withal by three Knights. Now
“ if you please to be one, is all our De-
“ sires. Ladies, said *Amadis*, I shall not
“ only do that, but I will fight with
“ them all three, if they will come one
“ after another ; to that, *said the Lady*,
“ they will not consent, but if you will
“ promise to return in a Years time, I
“ hope by that time to get two others ;
“ as for that, said *Amadis*, if you will
“ stay so long as a Year, trouble not your
“ self to seek other Champions, for I
“ will bring those with me, that shall
“ be able to perform your Desire : For
this the Ladies kindly thanked him, and
the young Lady shewed him a very great
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him a Sword, desiring him to be her Knight, which kind Offer he thankfully received, and many other Amorous Discourses passed between them, which the Dwarf (who knew not of his Master's Love to *Oriana*) took great Notice of, and which turned to the great Discontent of his Lord, by the mistaken Jealousie of the Princess *Oriana*.

King *Lisuart* being accompanied with his Nobility, one Day hunting in *Wind-for Forrest*, saw three Knights mounted and armed at all Points, who coming near him, were known to be *Galuanes*, Brother to the King of Scots, *Agries* his Cousin Prince of Scotland, and *Olivas*, a Knight of his Court, very glad was the King of the Company of these three Knights, and *Agries*, who was the most a Stranger, was the most welcomed. The King asked *Olivas* why he had bin so long absent? To which, he answered, some Affairs of Importance had hindred him; "and, said he, I am now come to ask Justice at your Hands, for, said he, the Duke of *Briston* hath Treacherously slain a Cousin of mine, and likewise abuseth every one, as in particular he hath done to these two Knights: Then

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told he the King, How he would have burned a Damsel, because she brought Prince *Galaor* into his House, and that they endeavouring her Rescue, were basely used by him and defied; and therefore, said *Olivas*, 'I desire, that you will grant me the Combate against him before you, and I doubt not, but to make him confess his Treasons. The King promised to send for him accordingly, and thus they communed together, till they arrived at the Court; where they were joyfully welcomed by the Queen and Ladies who were all joyful to see them, but the Joy of *Mabila* and the Princess *Olivia*, exceeded the rest for the Presence of *Agries*, who kindly saluted them, and having gained an Opportunity to talk with *Olivia*, they discoursed about their Love-Affairs; but the Princess *Oriana* coming to *Agries* thanked him for the Civilities she received of him whilst he resided in *Scotland*; and thus did they continue Discourse, till it was time to sit down to Dinner; where they were no sooner seated, but a Knight entred the Hall, desiring to know whether *Amadis* was there present; No, quoth the King, he is not here at present, but we sudden-

ly expect him ; and therefore, I pray tell us your Business : ‘ May it please your Majesty, *reply’d the Knight*, my Name is *Angriote*, and it was my ill Fortune to fight with him, and be vanquished : Then told he the King, how *Amadis* had fought with him and his Brother, and the Conditions of the Combat. *Arban K. of Normales* being there present, informed the King, that *Angriote* was one of the Valiantest Knights in his Kingdom, whereupon the King caused him to arise, and sit down to Dinner, and before Dinner was ended, *Dardan* the Dwarf to *Amadis* entred the Court, *Angriote* who knew him enquired of his Master *Amadis*, the Dwarf *reply’d*, That he was well : The King hearing this, desired him to relate his Last Adventures, but the Dwarf refused so to do, until the Queen was present, who being sent for, the Dwarf recounted to them all the Adventures of his Master, and his Meeting with his Brother *Galaor* : This News so highly contented the King, that he resolved when *Amadis* should come to keep open Court ; and to that End, he desired the Queen to be furnished with Ladies, as he intended to be provided with

with Knights from all Parts.

Now Prince *Amadis* being again in search of Adventures, a Knight who had a Damsel with him stept forth, and was about to take off the Head of the Prince's Dwarf, to present to the Damsel at the Request, which *Amadis* opposed, and a fierce Combat ensued, but by the means of a Knight coming by, he understood it was his Brother *Galaor*, he fought with. Whereupon the Combat ceased, and they kindly embraced each other. This wicked Damsel who wished both their Destructions, was Niece to *Archalaus* the Enchanter, and had caused this Combat for that End; for which the Strange Knight took off her Head, and invited them to his Castle, who then they knew to be *Balays*. *Amadis* and *Galaor* staid so long at the Castle of *Balays*, that their Wounds were healed, and then providing to depart, *Balays* desired to accompany them to the Court of K. *Lisuart*; to which they consented, but riding on their Way, they came to a Place, where was four several Paths; in the midst of which was a Tree, and underneath it a Bed, and a Knight lying thereon wounded in many places of the Head, and the

Trunchion of a Launce quite through his Neck and Throat; of which Wounds he being dead was laid there, and a great many Wax Candles burning about him: Our three Knights seeing this much wondered at the Adventure, and not finding any one to satisfy them of their Desires, they alighted from their Horses, and sat down at the Feet of the dead Knight; long they had not sate, before they saw a Knight, who pursued a Lady, who made many Complaints; for that she was beaten by the Knight, who then wounded her so on the Head, that she was all bloody. *Amadis* seeing this, mounting on his Horse, rode after the Knight and Damsel; desiring his Brother and *Balays* to set forwards to *Windsor* if he returned not suddenly, and he would meet them there. Thus did he and *Gandalin* follow the Knight and Damsel, who had gained much Ground, leaving *Galaor* and *Balays* with the dead Knight; where soon after a Knight arrived there, who complained of his Leg which was broken; telling them, that a Knight had broken it by throwing him from his Horse with whom he justed, because he would not tell him whither he was going. *Galaor* and *Balays*

lays understanding by his Discourse, that it was *Amadis* that had so used him, laughed thereat; which the Knight seeing, came near to the Horse of *Galaor*, and gave him such a Blow on the Nose, that the Horse breaking his Bridle ran away; he endeavoured to have done as much to the Horse of *Balays*, but he being prevented rode away; and *Balays* being offended with this Abuse, rode after him, desiring *Galaor* to stay for him till the Morning; before which time he hoped to return, from revenging the Injury done by the Knight. Thus was *Galaor* left alone (his Squire being gone to seek his Horse) and he being sleepy towards Morning, taking his Helmet and Shield, leaned on them to sleep; in which he continued till Morning, when awaking, he found the Body and all was carried away to his great Discontent, but he travelled on foot, till he saw two Knights who directed him the way, the dead Knight was carried; passing on further, he met a Damsel, who told him on Condition he would revenge the dead Knight's Death, she would bring him to the Castle where he was, and tell him the manner of his Murther. *Galaor* agreed to this,

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and came to the Castle where the dead Knight lay, the Damsel leading him, he entred the Castle, and was informed by an Old Man, That the dead Knight was named *Anthebon* of the County of *Gaul*, and had to Wife a Virtuouse Lady, by whom they had a fair Daughter, who growing up, was beloved by a Knight their Neighbour; but the Knight being a wicked Person was always hated by the young Damsel, and would in no wise agree to be married to him, which he understanding, knowing her Father was absent, came into the Castle and forcibly took her away, and carrying her home, endeavoured to pacifie and please her, but all in vain; at length he asking a reason for her Hatred, she told him, That she had long since resolved, never to be married to any Knight, but such a One, as should be more Valiant than her Father: The Wicked Knight hearing this, watched his time, and came to the Road where *Anthebon* was used to go, and where you saw him lye dead, and taking his Opportunity finding him unarmed, killed him in such manner as you see *Galaor* hearing this, resolved to revenge his Death, and more especially because the Knight

Knight was his Father's Subject ; and therefore he desired to speak with the Lady, of whom he asked a Horse, and somebody to conduct him, and he promised to revenge the Death of her Husband ; she soon consenting to his Request, furnished him with a Horse, and ordered two Damsels to go with him ; he being thus provided departed, and they in short time brought him to the Castle, and telling him the Knight's Name was *Palingues* ; where he entering, the Prince at first Encounter cut off one of the Arms, and with the next separated the Head from the Body of *Palingues* : The Lady *Brandarta* seeing this, fell down on her Knees, kindly thanking him, but he courteously took her up, and embraced her most lovingly, and so they went to the Castle Gates, and let in the two Damsels, who brought in *Galaor's* Horse. It was now the Heat of the Day, wherefore he disarmed his Head, and discovered so fair a Face, that the young Lady became in Love with him ; wherefore she desired to know his Name, which when he had told her, she was greatly pleased ; telling him, That she had heard her Father speak of him and his Brother *Amadis* ; in this

kind of Conferences did they spend some time, till they came into the Ladies Chamber ; where they being alone, *Galaor* according to his wonted Custom kindly embraced her, &c.

You may remember, that we left *Amadis* pursuing the Knight that abused the Damsel, and withal we told you, how he met with a Knight that importuned him so much that he brake his Leg, and then he prosecuted his Way so long, that he overtook the Knight, who still continued beating the Damsel ; at which he being displeased assailed him so fiercely, that he threw him from his Horse, and was ready to take away his Life ; but the Knight seeing in what Case he was, being on his Knees, asked Pardon ; the which *Amadis* granted, on Condition he would swear never more to abuse any Lady or Damsel ; the Damsel consented to this Oath, and *Amadis* coming near him to take his Oath ; on a sudden, the Treacherous Knight thrust his Sword into the Belly of *Amadis's* Horse, wherewith he fell down dead, and *Amadis* was in some Distress lying under his Horse : The Villainous Knight seeing this, made use of the Opportunity, and laid many heavy Strokes.

Stroaks on *Amadis*, but at length he recovered, and soon revenged himself by separating his Head from his Body. The Damsel seeing this, fell on her Knees and humbly thanked him; and it being now late, desired him to keep her Company, till she came to a Castle, where she should be safe. *Amadis* consented to this Request, and it being now dark they dismounted and went to sleep, when a Knight chanced to pass that way, who seeing the Damsel lye in that manner, waked her, and asking her if she would go, she replied, Yes, willingly, supposing *Amadis* called her; and so taking her by the Hand, he mounted her up behind him; she wondring at this, said, It would be more convenient for her, to ride on her own Horse; to which he said little, but spurred away; at which the Damsel perceived she was betrayed, and therefore called out for Help. *Amadis* with this Noise awaked, and seeing the Damsel was gone, caused *Gandalin* to fetch his Horse, on which he mounted, riding after the Knight, much blaming himself for not looking better to the Damsel; whom he had suffered to be carried away: Herode till he came in a sight of a Rock, on the

Top of which, he beheld a Castle environed with high Walls, and many strong Towers ; and at a Postern-gate of the Castle he saw the Knight and the Damsel enter on foot : Whereupon he called on the Knight, telling him, That he had treacherously stolen a Damsel from him, and forced her away against her Will. The Knight replied, That he might have looked to her better ; but *said he*, She came with me by her own Consent. I pray, *said Amadis*, let me hear her say so, and I am content ; then must you stay till Morning, *said the Knight*, and so he entered the Castle shutting to the Gate after him. *Amadis* was forced to stay till Day, when the Lady of the Castle said to him, ° Sir Knight you shall have your Desires. Then *Amadis* desired to have the Damsel the Knight had taken from him ; to which the Lady consented, sending for her and the Knight : In the meantime, the Lady asked him, If he knew *Amadis*, for *said she*, if he should enter here, he should never return, until he did deny a Promise he made to *Angriote* : What was that, *said he* ? I will tell you, *said she*, he hath promised to procure the Liking of a Lady to *Angriote* ; who never loved

loved him, and this is against all Right; for forced Love is never good. Upon which, there entred a Knight to them all armed except his Head and Face; who spake thus to *Amadis*; ' Sir Knight, I am ' informed, that you demand a Damsel ' which I brought in hither last Night, and ' as you say against her Will; but I am ' here ready to maintain the contrary: That is all I desire, said *Amadis*. Whereupon the Knight having laced on his Helmet, and put on his Gauntlets, prepared himself for the Combat; but the Lady who was his Niece, endeavoured what she could to perswade him to the contrary; but he being resolved thereon, mounting on Horseback, ran against *Amadis*, who bravely received him; but he was thrown from his Horse: Wherefore he drawing his Sword, retired to a Marble Pillar that was standing in the Yard, choosing that to be a Place convenient for his Defence: *Amadis* seeing this pursued him, and drawing forth his Sword, made a Blow at him; but by Misfortune his Sword brake in three Pieces, and he was now without Weapon; whereat he being much troubled leaped from his Horse, but the Knight seeing the Advantage

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rage he had over him, commanded him to yield, or confess the Damsel to be his: *Amadis* refused to do either, but defended himself from the Blows he received, to the great Admiration of all the Spectators, and being resolved to put an End to the Combat, he leaped on the Knight, and griping him very hard, forced him to let fall his Sword to defend himself, but *Amadis* so struggled with him, that he threw him with so great a Force against the Marble Pillar, that he fell all along on the Ground. Whereupon *Amadis* pulling off his Helmet disarmed his Head, and taking his own Sword went to cut off his Head; whereat the Lady *Grovenesa Angriote's* Mistress fell on her Knees, beseeching him to spare his Life; but he refused to do so, unless she swear to perform two Things, the one whereof was, to deliver the Damsel, and the other was to meet him at the Court of K. *Lisuart*, on the first Day that he should hold open Court, and there grant him this one Request; to this the Lady (at the Request of her Uncle, and to save his Life) consented, and the Damsel was brought, who desired *Amadis* to permit her to stay there

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with the Knight, who though he had at first forced her away, ' Yet, *said she*, he hath dealt very honourably with me, and doth profess much Love to me. The Prince hearing this consented to her Desire, and receiving Thanks of the Damsel for the Pains, he had taken for her, he departed, causing *Gandalin* to take up the three pieces of his broken Sword; *Gaslin* the Uncle of *Grovenesa* seeing this, gave him his Sword, and the Lady gave him a Launce; being thus furnished, he left that Castle, travelling back to the Place, where he had left his Brother *Galaor* and *Balays*, hoping there to meet with them.

So long travelled *Balays* in pursuit of the Knight who frightened *Galaor's* Horse, that he heard a Noise, and following the Way, found that it was made by a Damsel, who was forced along by five Thieves, well armed with Corsets and Hatchets; he seeing this made haste to her Rescue: At length he overtook them, and notwithstanding their long Resistance, he in the End killed four of them, and caused the fifth to yield himself, whose Life he pardoned, and the Thief from that time, lived a holy Life; having thus dispatched

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ed the Thieves, he came to the Damsel, who kindly thanked him; and told him, That these Villains meeting with her had forced her Servants, and had resolved to force her one after another, but, *said she*, thanked be God you have delivered me.

After they had refreshed themselves they departed, travelling to the Tree, where they met *Galanr* and *Amadis*, who were come from their Enterprizes, and now resolved not to break Company till they arrived at the Court of K. *Lisuart*. It was now growing dark, the Damsel desired them to go with her a little way to her Father's House; to which they consented, and there they were well entertained for that Night, and the next Morning they set forwards in their Way towards *Windsor*; where we will for the present leave them to return to K. *Lisuart*, who was very joyful to see so many worthy Knights, as well Strangers, as those of his own Country in his Court, and therefore he was resolved to keep open Court; and the Knight *Olivas* being come to Court to complain against the Duke of *Bristow*, desired Justice to be done him: Whereupon the King by Advice of his Counsel ordered, That the Duke should

should within one Month, appear at Court to answer to *Olivas*, and if he so thought good, to bring two Seconds, that *Olivas* should find two Knights to combat with them: Notice hereof was sent to the Duke, and Open Proclamation was made, that all Knights and Ladies should come to the City of *London*, on *Lady-day* in *September* next coming, which was done accordingly.

The King having taken this Order to be furnished with Knights and Ladies, was very merry amongst his Nobility, when there entred the Pallace a Damsel strangely attired, attended by a Gentleman. She, after her Reverence made, asked which was the King, being informed where he sat, she fell down on her Knees, and uttered these Speeches.

" Mighty King, I now find, that Report
" hath been very scanty in your behalf,
" for although I was informed, that
" you were a Mighty Prince, attend-
" ed by many Knights, and beloved
" of all your Subjects; yet now I
" am come into your Presence, I find
" so great a Majesty both in your own
" Countenance, and your Court so fur-
" nished with Noble Knights, that ex-
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"ceed all, that ever I saw or heard of,
 "and is sufficient, or equal to the great-
 "est Potentate in the whole World.
 "This Consideration, most Puissant
 "Prince, induces me to believe, that
 "I shall not fail in the Accomplishment
 "of my Desires, and that you, who ap-
 "pear of so great Courage, will not re-
 "fuse to assist the distressed Damsel.
 "Said the King, As I am a King, I am
 "bound to do Justice to all, there-
 "fore, assure your self; that I shall
 "not fail to assist you to my Power..

The Damsel hearing this, replied, "I
 "render to your Majesty all humble and
 "heartly Thanks for your generous Of-
 "fer, and when Occasion shall serve, I
 "hope you will be as ready with your
 "Person (as now you express your self
 "to be) to assist me, and not having any
 "thing further to trouble you withal.
 "I shall take leave of your Majesty; so
 "she departed. Soon after arrived three
 Knights, one whereof was an Old Man
 and without Armour, and the other two
 were armed at all points; the old Man,
 coming to the King, fell on his knees,
 and said, "Heaven blefs *R. Lisuart*, and
 "make him happy in all Things; for
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‘ Fame gives so brave a Report of his
‘ Princely Virtues, that to him am I come
‘ to put him in possession of those Things,
‘ which are as dear to me as my Life:
And thereupon he opened a Casket, out
of which he took a Crown, the most
Glorious and Rich that was ever seen;
so embellished with precious Stones, that
it seemed to be worth an infinite Mass
of Wealth. The King not only liked the
Crown, but also the Queen was much ta-
ken with it; wishing that the King were
Owner thereof: Whereupon the Old
Man said, ‘ Royal Madam, I have like-
‘ wise another thing worthy your Wear-
‘ ing; and therewith he pulled out a
Mantle, richly embroidered with several
Beasts and Birds, to whom Nature had
given Life and Motion; ‘ But, *said the*
‘ *Old Man*, that which appears to dye
‘ is nothing to the inward Virtues of
‘ these two Jewels; for the Crown is of
‘ so rare a Virtue, that the K. who is
‘ possessed of it shall encrease in all Feli-
‘ city, and she who is possessed of the
‘ Mantle, shall never be offended with
‘ her Husband. This made the King
and Queen desirous to purchase these two
Jewels, wherefore, the King desired to
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know what Price he must give for them.

‘ My Lord, *quoth the Old Man*, I shall
 ‘ not at present make any Price of them,
 ‘ but desire you to keep them till your
 ‘ Feast at *London*; whither I will repair
 ‘ to you, and then you having made Ex-
 ‘ periment of them, may agree the bet-
 ‘ ter; so leaving them he departed with
 the two Knights that came with him.

Amadis, Galaor and Balays travelled so long, that they arrived at *Windsor* at the Court of K. *Lisuart*, where their Welcome was extraordinary, for the King received them; then Prince *Agries, Galuanes, K. Arban*, and all the rest of that brave Company; the Queen, hearing of their Arrival, sent for them, and *Amadis* approaching her Presence, taking his Brother by the Hand, and falling on his Knees, uttered these Speeches, ‘ Gracious
 ‘ Madam, It was your Goodness to ad-
 ‘ mit me into your Service, in which,
 ‘ I have hitherto dutifully behaved my
 ‘ self, for according to your Commands,
 ‘ I have now brought my Brother to
 ‘ your Presence, who I know is willing
 ‘ with my self to be your Obedient Ser-
 ‘ vant. Sir *Amadis*, said the Queen, the
 ‘ great Honour you have already done
 ‘ exceeds

exceeds any Merit of mine, but this Present of your Brother, I so kindly accept of, that I shall study somewhat as a Requital.

This being done the two Brothers went to the other Ladies to salute them, but when *Amadis* came near to the Princess *Oriana*, he durst not look on her Face, fearing, least with beholding her Heavenly Eyes, he should lose his Sight ; and indeed, he for the present lost his Understanding, so greatly was he surprized with beholding her ; she seeing this, and having taken him by the Hand, thus began to him, ' What ! my Lord, is this all the Satisfaction I am to expect, after the great Fear I was put into by the Traytor *Archalaus*, will you give me no Content for the Displeasure I then received : Madam, *reply'd* Amadis (being now come to himself) your Presence hath so raised all my Vital Spirits, that the Organs of my Speech were stopped, and my Heart is ready to forsake my Breast, so great a Desire hath it to be with you, and the Exceeding Joy I now conceive, will go near to be my Destruction : Wherefore, I beseech you, Dear Princess, conceive not

' not any thing amiss by reason of my
 ' Silence, but impute it to my Excess
 ' of Joy; for had I suffered much more
 ' for you than I have done, I should ac-
 ' count it all satisfied by one Minute of
 ' your Presence. Ah! Sir, *said she*, since
 ' you are now returned, I hope you will
 ' not again leave me to the many Fears,
 ' which I conceived by means of your Ab-
 ' sence. They had continued longer in
 Discourse, but that they thought that
 they were observed.

K. *Lisvart* being thus accompanied
 with so many brave Knights, gave Com-
 mandment, that in five Days following
 all his Nobility, Knights and Ladies,
 should make a General Appearance at
London; and in Order thereunto, he left
Windsor and travelled thither, where all
 Things were so ordered, that all the
 Knights Strangers and others, were
 lodged in Pavilions without the City, and
 the King only with *Amadis*, *Galaor*,
Agries, *Galuanes*, and some others of
 Note were entertained in the Pallace,
 and K. *Lisvart* intended a great deal of
 Pleasure, when Providence ordered other-
 wise, as you shall presently hear. There
 was a Country near *Great Britain*, called

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Sansuegna, over which one *Barsinan* was Lord, a Man very Valiant and Rich in Possessions; *Arcalaus* the Enchanter, a great Enemy to K. *Lisuart*, being of Acquaintance with *Barsinan*, they two plotted the Destruction of K. *Lisuart*; *Arcalaus* promised so to order the Matter, that he would get K. *Lisuart* into his Power, and cut off his Head and send it to *Barsinan*, and likewise deliver the Princess *Oriana* into his Possession, with whom he should marry, and so inherit the Kingdom of *Great Britain*; and in Order thereunto, he advised *Barsinan* to go to K. *Lisuart* to *London* at his keeping of Open Court, and there wait his Opportunity with a good Band of Men to seize on the Kingdom. This being thus plotted, 'twas agreed on between them, and *Arcalaus* was for this Project, to be Comptroller of his Household and his Favourite. *Barsinan* hereupon came to Court gallantly attended, and was highly welcomed by K. *Lisuart*, who was so joyful of his Company, that he entertained him and his Train in his Court, providing Tents and Pavilions for himself in the Fields. The Day being come in which the King had appointed the great

greatest Solemnity ; he bethought him of the Crown and Mantle, that was left with him, and sent to the Queen for them ; who opening the Coffer wherein they were put, found nothing therein to her great Astonishment. The King being acquainted herewith much wondered, and the Queen told him, that she always had kept the Key of the Coffer her self, not entrusting any one therewith ; but, *said she*, the last Night, methoughts, I delivered it to one in a Dream, which I now find to be true. The King was much troubled herewith, but advised the Queen to make no shew of Discontent, so they went to the Place appointed. When a Beautiful Lady entred the Court attended by Twelve Damsels, who were all very richly habited. This Lady was named *Grovenesa*, and was Lady to *Angriote*, and came to Court according to an Oath, she had taken to *Amadis*, when he vanquished her Uncle ; as you read before. *Amadis* had formerly promised *Angriote* to do him what Kindness he could, for getting his Ladies Good Will, and had likewise promised her to cause *Angriote* to revoke that Promise, but he was then unknown to her, as he
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now was at her Coming to Court; but so ordered the Matter, that he discharged himself of all his Promises to *Angriote* and his Lady, and with her Good Will and to the Great Content of *Angriote*, caused them to be married by the Advice, and in the Presence of the King and Queen, and all the Nobility.

No sooner had this great Misfortune happened by the King's unadvisedness, but the Damsel, to whom he had promised personal Assistance, came to require his Aid against a Knight that had injured her; which he readily granted, and received a Sword and Launce from her, which in the Combate, as it was plotted, quickly broke; yet the King valiantly grappled with the Knight, got him down, and was about to take his Head off with his own Sword, when the Treacherous Damsel cryed out, '*Arcalaus* come help your Kinsman, or he will be slain: Upon which he came with a Band of Knights, seized the King, bound him on a Horse, and sent him away with a strong Guard, whilst himself with ten Knights conveyed the Princess another way.

This sad News coming to Court by some, who had seen the Royal Persons in the

Hands of their Enemies, filled it with piteous Laments and Cries ; and the Q. hastened a Damsel to search out *Amadis* and *Galaor*, and inform them of what had happened, who luckily met them returning from their Bondage ; and they to lose no time separated, *Amadis* following the Princess, and *Galaor* the King with such Speed, that they soon rescued and brought them back, with the slaughter of all that guarded them, except One made Prisoner, and *Arcalaus*, who was sore wounded, escaped from *Amadis*, by the swiftness of his Horse to plot New Mischiefs. The Princess finding her self at Liberty, by the Means of him she so entirely loved, embraced him with Tears of Joy, yielding her free Consent to be disposed of by them, for this and his other many great and dangerous Services for her, as he should think fit, and so with many sweet Kisses, they sealed Eternal Vows of Love and Constancy ; and so in their Way towards the Court, they overtook *Galaor* and the King, which redoubled their Joy ; and the King seeing his Daughter in the Possession of *Amadis*, gave infinite Thanks to the Divine Powers, thanking the Prince and vowed to be bound to him in every thing,

thing, he should desire of him during his Life.

Arcalaus and his great Friend *Barsinan* having plotted Treason against *K. Lisuart*, to deprive him of his Life and Kingdom, tho' as yet he had no knowledge of it; *Barsinan* came to Court with a great Train, and feigning a great kindness to the King, was welcomed, and admitted into the Council of his Knights: where he laboured to frustrate the King's strengthening himself with Foreign Aid; but a Rumour of some designed Mischief being spread abroad, he could not prevail in this; wherefore he proceeded to put the secret Treacheries in Practice, agreed between him and *Arcalaus*; and thereupon a Lady came to the King in Mourning Garments, her Beauty much impaired by Tears, and desired him to lend her Two of his best Knights, to combat against Two Knights, that kept her Father and Uncle in Prison; and her Request being granted, she chose *Amadis* and *Galaor* with Promise of their speedy Return, carrying them to *Madasimas* Pavillion in a Forrest; where their Arms were taken from them while they rested, and they surpriz'd thus defenceless by many Knights: The revengeful Queen, resolving to slay

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Amadis, for the Death of her Kinsman,
slain in fair Combat ; but seeing the
Manly Beauty of *Galaor*, she fell in Love
with him, and he so well pleased her,
that relenting her Cruel Purpose, she
gave them Liberty, to the great Grief of
Barsinan, who had laid the Projects to
get these two Valiant Knights out off
the Way.

Soon after this the old Man, who had
left the Crown and Mantle, arrived and
demanded them again, or as the King
had promised, what Price he should ask
for them, the King, who knew they were
gone, was troubled at this, yet to be just
to his Word, he told him of his Loss, and
bid him ask what Thing in his Kingdom
he pleased, and it should be given him in
recompence, confirming to him by an
Oath, that he should freely carry it away
with him without any Molestation ; then
he boldly asked the Princess *Oriana*, which
though it much grieved the King, yet to
be just to his Oath, notwithstanding the
Tears of the Queen, Ladies and Knights ;
he caused her to go with him, attended
only by the Damsel of *Denmark*, and he
conveyed her to *Arcalaus*, who with a
Guard of Knights waited to receive her,
and marry her to *Barsinan*, and so with
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haste they journeyed towards the Court; where *Barfinan* expecting no less than K. *Lisuart's* Head to be sent him by *Archelaus*, then to marry his Daughter, and seize the Kingdom had possessed himself of the Tower of *London*; in which King *Arban* of *North-Wales* besieged him, with such a Power as he could raise in haste, and soon K. *Lisuart*, *Galaor*, *Amadis*, and a great Company of Knights came to the City with the Princess *Oriana*, which greatly comforted the Queen and her Ladies, who before were in much Fear; and this Gallant Troop joyning themselves to K. *Arban's* Forces, *Amadis* took *Barfinan* as he sallied out, and slew almost all his Men in a sharp and cruel Fight; whereupon the King causing the Cousin of *Archelaus* before-taken, to be beheaded in the Sight of those that yet held out; they soon submitted to his Mercy; upon which, all but the chief Promoters of this Treason and Rebellion were spared, and so fell this Conspiracy, that had much troubled the Kingdom, and put the People into extraordinary Fears.

For Joy of this Success, and the Princesses Deliverance, K. *Lisuart* kept a Feast for many Days to entertain his Nobles and Knights, welcoming in the

best manner, such Valiant Men as would repair to his Court; so that a great many came from Foreign Lands to do him Honour and Service, and during this Feast came the Duke of *Bristow*, to answer the Accusation of *Olivas*, for ungenerously killing his near Kinsman, and having made a resolute Answer to the K. he and his two Nephews, well-approved Knights, were admitted to the Combat against *Olivas*, and two such Knights as he should choose; which were *Agries* and *Galuanes*; in which Combate after a sharp Encounter, the Duke and his two Kinsmen were slain, and those on the other side much wounded, especially *Olivas*; but in a short time they were healed, and the Feast was continued with great Magnificence.

Whilst the Court abounded in Mirth, *Amadis* remembered the Time drew near, wherein he had made a solemn Promise to *Q. Briolana*, to assist her against her Wicked Uncle, who had deprived her of her Kingdom; and going to the Princess *Orsina*, after many tender Kisses he acquainted her with his purpose, who having a high Regard to his Honour, with some difficulty prevailed with her self, to suffer him to depart from her, whom

whom she loved as dear as her Life; and the Prince chose for his Companions *Galaor* and *Agries*, who travelled so long till they were stopped by a Giantlike Knight who kept the Road, and had slain or wounded, all the Knights that came that way for fifteen Days; indeed he was of great Strength, for in two Courses he unhorsed *Galaor* and *Agries*, but *Amadis* threw him in the third to the Ground; and he refusing the Combat of the Sword, as having vowed the contrary they parted: But far he had not rid, e'er he demanded of *Gandalin*, if he had brought with him the three pieces of the Sword *Briolana* gave him, which broke in the Combat with *Garnia*, and in answering *No*, sent him back for it, which caused much Trouble and Sorrow to him and his Fair Princess by her mistaken Jealousie; for she seeing the Squire return in haste, demanded the Cause, and he ignorant of his Lord's great Love to her, said, 'Madam, It is for the recovery of the Sword, which my Lord prizes so highly, because it was given by *Q. Briolania*, the Fairest Lady in the World except your self; and for the great Love and Esteem he bears her, he will not appear in her Presence

without it, to shew he has kept these Relicks of it for her sake. These Words permitted her to ask no further Questions, but retiring to her Closet, she wept abundantly, sighed and beat her tender Breasts, concluding *Amadis* had forsaken her, and pretended a Vow to make this Journey for the Love he bore to her Fair Rival; and so much Jealousie and Despair possessed her Soul, that all, the Princess *Mabila*, and the Damsel of *Denmark* could do, to perswade her from it by powerful Reasons, were too little to prevail over the Resentments she conceived, tho' falsely, of the Inconstancy of her beloved *Amadis*; which wrought to both of them a World of Trouble, as in the Series of this History will appear.

These worthy Champions had not rid far, but a Damsel sent by *Q. Briolana* met them, to conduct them to her Palace; and in proceeding on their Journey, they met an Aged Knight very much wounded; who upon their Request told them, how this happened to him, and that his Son lay wounded for dead by a strange Knight, with whom they had justed, because they refused to own his Lady, the Fairest in the World; *Galaor* being moved hereat, would needs leave his

his Brother and his other Companion, to revenge the Knights wrong, and his Son's upon the strange Knt. ; who directed him to an Island, where the Lady, whose Knight he was, held a Castle ; no sooner did *Galaor* arrive, but the Lady saw him from the Battlements, came down and spread her Pavillion in the Field, and perceiving *Galaor* was in haste, bid him blow the Horn that hung at the Gate, and the Knight would come forth ; which accordingly he did, and they entred into a dreadful Combat ; wherein tho' both were piteously wounded, neither had the better, which making *Galaor* wonder, he asked of the Knight his Name, who said, he would not tell it, but to two Knights in the World ; and so the Combat beginning furiously again : The Lady fearing to lose her Knight, cryed out, *Prince Floristan bold your Hand, and cease the Combat.* *Galaor* by this knowing it was his Brother, threw down his Sword, and they kindly embraced ; and then he understood this Lady was the Princess *Corisanda*, very Beautiful and Virtuous, whom his Brother faithfully served for the great Love he bore her.

This *Floristan* was got by *K. Perion*, on the Count of *Zealand's* Fair Daughter ;

who fell in Love with him, and upon his refusing to dishonour her Father's Court, who had so kindly entertained him, would have killed her self if he had not complied; so that both the Brothers being now highly feasted by the Princess, *Galaor* upon telling his earnest Business at *Sobradisa*, had leave to depart, and followed so hard after his Companions, that he found them before the City, expecting an Answer to a Challenge they had sent by a Damsel, to combat the Traytor *Abisores* and his two Sons; which was returned to their great Satisfaction: The Combate with safe Conduct being granted with Condition, That *Briolana* should have Possession of the Kingdom, if her Champions remained Victorious, or if vanquished, for ever quit Claim to it; and on the Day appointed, the Combatants met in a spacious Plain before the City, and after a sharp and cruel Fight, in which both sides were wounded; the Traytors were slain, and the Citizens with all imaginable Demonstrations of Joy, received their Right and Lawful Queen, highly feasting for many Days.

During the Success at *Sobradisa*, *Florestan* gained leave of his Lady to travel
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thither, that he might see his Brother *Amadis* ; but coming to the Fountain of *Olives*, he perceived three Ladies sitting in a Tree, who desired him to carry them to some place of Safety ; which he no sooner promised, but a Knight came out of the Valley and defied him, but in Combat was soon overcome by him ; then came a second Knight, which he likewise vanquished ; but one of the Ladies perceiving he was a Brave, Accomplished Knight, advised him to stay no longer out of Pity to his Life, for there remained yet a third Knight who would certainly slay him, but he who was not subject to Fear utterly refused it ; when a Knight of a Giant-like size appeared and defied him, so that a dreadful Combat began between them, till *Florestan* with a full Blow where his Helmet opened, gave him so deep a Wound with his Sword, that he fell from his Horse, and refusing to ask his Life, he cut off his Head. Then the Ladies came down, and greatly thanked him for their Deliverance ; the Fairest telling him, That Knight had taken her away from her Father's Palace, and would have forced her to love him against her Will, he being the wickedest of all Men ; wherefore,

to delay him in his Design, she had required of him as the Reward of her Love, to give her the Head of *Amadis*, who had slain a Kinsman of hers in K. *Liswart's* Court; to which Intent he had brought them thither, as the most likely Passage of Knights, that so he might meet him to perform his purpose; but another of the vanquished Knights desiring one of the Ladies, and she being extreamly in Love with him, it was permitted they should marry; and so going to a Castle of an Aunt of the Chief Ladies, they were welcomed and nobly feasted; and here I must leave them in all Mirth and Jollity, and proceed to other Adventures.

Whilst these Things happened, it so fell out, that a King in *Greece*, who had many Sons by the Daughter of the Emperor of *Constantinople*, growing very Aged parted his Possessions and Riches amongst his Children, and soon after dyed; whereupon *Apolidon* his Eldest Son, a very Valiant Knight, set out certain Ships, in one of which, himself embarked in search of Adventures as Fortune should guide him, and landing in *Italy*, the Emperor of *Rome* entertained him in Royal Manner at his Court, where

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he fell in Love with the Fair Princess *Grimanesa*, Sister to the Emperor, and she the like with him; but despairing to get the Emperor's Consent for Marriage, he with her good Liking privately carried her away, and sailed so long, that he arrived at the Firm Island; where he was no sooner landed with his Princess and Train, but a Mighty Gyant, Lord of the Island, came upon him to take away his Lady, but in the Combate the Valiant Knight slew the Gyant, and was thereupon saluted by the Inhabitants as King, where he established many Good Laws, but hearing his Uncle, the Emperor of *Constantinople* was dead, and left him Heir of his vast Dominions; he resolved to take Possession of them, and being skilled in all Arts, especially in Necromancy, at the Request of his Lady he set up certain Pillars and Figures, before a Stately Palace he had built, to hinder any to enter, till the best Knight in the World, and the Fairest Lady, came thither to finish the Enchantment; prescribing Laws for degrading such as attempted, and were not qualified to finish the Enterprize, and appointing the Inhabitants to send him the Revenue, till such a One came as was worthy to receive it;

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he departed with the Fair *Grimanesa*, and took Possession of his New Empire, reigning with all Prudence, Justice and Ambitious Atchievements to the high Satisfaction of his People.

After the Valiant *Amadis* had long travelled with *Don Galaor*, *Agrais*, *Flaestan* and others his Noble Companions; he was very desirous to return to see his Fair Princess *Oriana*, for whose sake he had undergone so many Hardships, but in their way they found a Lady accompanied with three others and four Dwarfs, who invited them to try the Adventure of the Arch of Loyal Lovers, and other Enchantments in the *Firm Island*, which they readily accepted; and tho' the rest were thrown, and sore bruised by mighty Stroaks, as many other Valiant Knights had been in the same Enterprize; yet *Amadis* combating with Invisible Spirits, pressed through, entred the forbidden Chamber, and finished the Enchantment; Whereupon as the most Renowned Prince on Earth, he was saluted Lord of the Island; but this High Honour little contented him, being absent from his Fair Princess; who contrary to his Knowledge or Deserts, was (by the false Report of a Page, that he

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loved another Lady and slighted her)
 grown jealous, and studied all manner of
 Revenge; writing a bitter Letter to up-
 braid him with Disloyalty and Uncon-
 stancy in Love towards her; which he re-
 ceived with much Surprize and Trouble
 of Mind, making him withdraw from
 all Mirth and Company, retiring to a
 Rocky Island, where an Aged Helmet
 lived poorly in a Cave, and here bewailed
 his sad Misfortune, befallen him by the
 mistaken Jealousie of his Lady, who by
 her Letter had reproached him, and ever
 banished him from her Presence; which
 was to him worse than a thousand Deaths,
 or the Hardships and Torments he had
 suffered for her sake; and tho' he had ap-
 pointed *Gandalin* his Squire to be Gover-
 nour of the *Firm Island*, the great Love
 he bore to his Lord, suffered not long to
 stay, e're he went in search of him with
Puzin, who brought the disconsolate Let-
 ter to torment, and afflict so Brave a
 Prince; and after a tedious Search, they
 found him lying on the bare Ground,
 greatly bemoaning himself in his hard
 Misfortune; that his Princess by a Mi-
 stake of his Constancy, which had never
 strayed from her, should be so much dis-
 pleased with him, resolving to dye and
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often wishing for Death, that in his Grave he might make an Attonement, and she by his dying for her sake, might come to understand how Loyal he had been, and how faithfully he had loved her to the last Moment of his Breath, shedding abundance of Tears, and often calling upon her Name.

Whilst the Valiant Prince continued in this sorrowful state, a Knight came by, singing very merrily a Song of his Success; how he was beloved by the Fair Ones, and the Advantages he had gained over many great Ladies; naming, amongst others, the Fair *Oriana*; which so inflamed *Amadis* with a desire of Revenge, that for the present, laying aside his Excessive Sorrow, he mounted and defied him to the Combat, and soon overcame him; constraining him by saving his Life to beg his Pardon, for naming the Princess in so slight and lewd a Manner, as cast an Aspersions on her peerless Chastity; then sending back *Puzin*, to give her Account of his constant Affections and ceaseless Grief; and how in that manner, he was resolved to dye for her sake; at the Earnest Entreaty of *Gandalin*, and a solemn Promise he would not contradict him, or seek to allay his Sor-

rows or Melancholy Thoughts, by any Advice or Perswasions, but let them have their full Course the sooner to end his Days, he permitted him to go with him, and so departed to a more remote and solitary Place.

Now the Knight he had fought with and foiled, was named *Patin*, Brother to the Emperor of *Rome*, who falling in Love with the Queen of *Sardinia*, would needs, to shew his haughty Temper, go into *Britain* to see the Princess *Oriana*, and challenge to the Combat all Knights, that should dare to avow her Beauty was comparable to the Queen's; and on the first Sight fell in Love with the Princess, and to be the more Esteemed, undertook the Adventure of the *Firm Island*, which *Amadis* had finished before; and for singing the Song he had made of her, was used by that Valiant Knight as you have heard. But to proceed,

No sooner did *Don Galaor*, *Florestan* and *Agrais*, hear of the Departure of the Sorrowful *Amadis*, but tho' he had left a Charge to the contrary, they hastened in search of him, resolving if they missed to find him, they would all meet at K. *Lisvart's* Court on a set Day, and so they set forward; but by this time *Amadis* had

had travelled far, his Squire contrary to his Promise, speaking some Words to comfort his Lord, perswading him to forget *Oriana*, and take pity on his Youth and Royal Birth; it so displeased him, that soon after he left him asleep, and riding through many Desarts, and over craggy Hills and Mountains, he came to the Fountain of the Plain; where he found an Aged Hermet watering his Ass, to whom he made known his Grievs, and upon much earnest Entreaty procured to go along with him to his Hermitage, which was in a Rock seven Miles in the Sea, and there he continued in great Sorrow, doing very hard Pennances, grievously afflicting both his Body and Mind.

By this time *Puzin* was returned to *Oriana*, who received him not without some Trembling and Perplexity of Mind; and no sooner she heard of the Prince's Constant Love to her, and that the Report she had heard, of his making Love to *Q. Briolana* was fabulous and groundless; as also with what Intent he was gone into the solitary Desarts; viz. To dye for her sake, and so avow the Constancy of his Love to herward; but her rosie Colour faded in her Cheeks, and she fainting fell in a Swoon, out of which, her Ladies

dies had much ado to recover her, but when she came a little to her self, she cryed with a faint, mournful Voice, ' Ah! wretched Virgin that I am, what have I done? How have I unjustly deprived him of Life, whom I most loved in this World, and seeing it is now out of my Power, to hinder so great a Mischief my Jealousie and Ingratitude has wrought, in destroying the most Loyal of Lovers, and best of Knights the World ever produced: Why do I live with so great a Guilt about me, longer to behold the Light? She would have said much, but Floods of Tears stopp'd her Utterance, and much Labour they had to perswade her to live, and nothing would have hindered a Violence on her self, but the hopes they gave her, she might for all this see him again, when his Melancholy was abated, and the Misunderstanding known, all might clear up and be fair between them, to their great and lasting Happiness; and hereupon she dispatched Messengers with comfortable Letters into all Parts to find him out, and to entreat him to live for her sake, whose Life was bound up in his, and could last no longer than he remained alive.

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Whilst the Princess was in this great Perplexity for her faithful Lover, *Don Guillan* styled *The Pensive*, came to her Father's Court, and brought with him the Shield, Sword and Armour of *Amadis*, which he had received of *Gandalin* his Squire, left by the Prince, the better to pass unknown, when he rode away leaving him sleeping, and gave an Account of all he had learned, or otherways knew relating to the Valiant Prince, and the great Sorrow he supposed him in. This drew Tears from the King and Queen, who entirely loved the Prince, and from the Eyes of many more that stood by; but all this was nothing in comparison to the immoderate Sorrow, Cries and Laments the Fair Princess made, as verily supposing he was gone to dye for her sake, and she should never be happy in seeing him more; insomuch, that she refused to be comforted, but her stormy Grief threw her into a desperate languishing Sickness; wherein she rather wished to dye than live: In which, I leave her for a time to recover her Health, and return to the *Fair Forlorn*.

You may remember, I left *Amadis* with the Aged Hermit, to whose Cave he went in the *Desolate Rock*, where he

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had died of Grief, had not the good Old Man given him some hopes of relieving his Misfortune, by interpreting a Dream he had in this manner. 'I understand, *says he*, by the dark Chamber you thought you were in, and not able to come forth of it, the great Tribulation wherein you now are. The Gentlewomen who afterwards opened the Door to you, are some of your Friends, to sollicite on your behalf to your beloved Princess, and will prevail; the Sunbeams that went before them, are comfortable Letters of Reconciliation that she sendeth you, by means whereof you shall leave me; the Fire that environed this, shews her fervent Love towards you, and the Sorrow she conceives for her mistaken Jealousie; and the Fair Garden into which you carried her, drawing her out of the Flame, denotes the great Pleasure and Delight you shall both have at your Meeting again.

This much revived the drooping Spirits of our Valiant Heroe, so that a Joy entering of lively Hopes, he fell at the Feet of the Aged Man, and gave him infinite Thanks, and from that time grew more chearful, when one to solace his Cares he made this Song.

*Sith that the Right of Victory deserv'd,
 By wrong they do with hold, for which I serv'd,
 Now since my Glory thus hath had a Fall,
 Glorious it is, to end my Life withal,
 By this my Death likewise my Want release,
 My Hopes, my Joy, my inflam'd Love doth*
(cease.

*But ever will I mind my during Pain,
 For they to end my Glory and my Gain,
 My self have murther'd and my Glory slain.* }

Soon after this a Ship arrived at the Rock, and the Princess *Corisanda* sick for the Love of *Don Florestan*, of whom she was in search, landed with Ladies and Knights their Attendants, and were kindly welcomed by *Amadis*, who went by the Name of the *Fair Forlorn*; and the Old Hermit; and whilst they stayed learned News of the Knight they search'd after, and the Ladies likewise learned the mournful Song, when departing, and proceeding in their search, they came to the Court of *K. Lisuart*, and were highly entertained; where they, among other Things in their Travels, gave an Account of the *Desolate Rock*, and who they found there; which the Princess *Oriana* hearing, as also the Words of the Song, they

they said had been made by *Amadis*, she was so touch'd with Grief, that she retired and wept bitterly, till her Cousin *Mabila* comforted her in the best manner, by assuring her, He, that went by the Name of the *Fair Forlorn*, was no other than *Amadis* himself, as she had certainly learned, by their describing his Features and Carriage; and if the Gentlewoman of *Denmark* already gone in search of him should miss him, she would undertake a Voyage, and use such Means, as should make him forsake his solitary Life, and come to her Father's Court to receive her Commands; but the Gentlewoman of *Denmark* saved them that Trouble, for landing (after a tedious search in many strange Countries) on the *Desolate Rock*, she found him poor and lean, and pined almost at the Point of Death, hearing his piteous Moans and the Causes of them, before she discovered her self to him; whereby she was well assured, he continued constant in his Love to the Fair Princess *Oriana*; but no sooner she made her self known, and presented the Princesses Letter, wherein she with much Sorrow excused and blamed her self, for once having suspected his Loyalty in Love, earnestly craved Pardon for her so rashly

rashly banishing him, and entreating his speedy Return, as the only Means left to save her Life, and banish Sorrow from her afflicted Heart; but he on a sudden revived as from a Grave of Sorrow, and his Joy was so great he could scarcely contain himself, yet after much Discourse had passed between them, taking leave of the Aged Hermit, with infinite Thanks for his great Care of him, and the Pains he had taken, to prevent him from laying violent Hands on himself in the Extremity of his Affliction; he took Shipping, and with a prosperous Gale arrived at *Britain*, where all his Joy and Treasure centred in his Fair Princesses Smiles.

Being landed, the Gentlewoman thought fit to leave him at a Monastery, some distance from the Palace, as well to recover his Strength and Beauty, both much decayed by his Sufferings, as that she might acquaint her Lady of his Arrival, the better to dispose her for his Reception, lest too surprizing a Meeting, might cause too excessive a Joy after so long a Sorrow, that might be prejudicial to their Health.

To this the Prince agreed, and she proceeded to the Court, where she found the Princess *Oriana* retired with her Cousin *Mabi-*

la, very pale and wan, by reason incessant Grief had very much impaired her Health. At her first Entrance, the Princess was so much surprized, and disordered between Hopes and Fears, that she was unable for a time to speak a Word, being ready to fall into a Swoon; which piteous plight the Gentlewoman perceiving and pitying her, no longer delayed to give her Comfort, by telling her, she had after much Toil in search, found the lost Sheep, and that in Obedience to her Commands, he had followed with inexpressible Joy and Alacrity of Mind, and then presented a Letter, he had sent to excuse himself and beg her Pardon, which she received in an Extasie, bedewing every line with Tears of Joy as she hastily read it over, expressing infinite Thanks to kind Heaven for so favourable a Blessing, and the Excess was a little abated; she demanded the whole Story of her lucky Proceedings how she found the Prince, and where he now was, which she briefly declared as before recited. Then it was agreed she should retire from Court to her Country Palace, which had very Curious private Gardens, where the Prince should come as secretly as might be, and visit her, before any publick Knowledge was

was had of him in the Court or elsewhere; that so a thorow Reconciliation might be made; and *Pazin* the Page was sent to him, to advertise him thereof; which Message he received with the highest Satisfaction that could be, procuring Horse and Armour with all possible speed, that he might now appear like himself as he had formerly done, and so set forward to be happy in the sight of all that was dear to him in this Life.

Far he had not rid, but a Knight gallantly mounted stood in the way, commanding him to pass no further, which so displeased the Prince not used to such Affronts, that a Cruel Combat began between them which lasted some Hours, at the End of which, the Prince became Victor, and the Knt. who had thus combated with the Prince, upon the pulling off his Helmet was known to be *Don Quadrant*, who came to revenge the Death of *K. Abies*, slain before in *Ireland* by *Amadis*; and with others had sent to defie *K. Lisuart* to Death, unless his Daughter *Oriana* should be given as a Waiting Woman to *Q. Madefima*, who then promised to give her in Marriage to *Basengant*, Son of the Mighty Giant of the *Burning Lake*.

Lake, called *Famondgomad*; but being at the Prince's Mercy, he gave him his Life, upon swearing, he would never more be Enemy to K. *Lisuart*, nor fight against him in the Challenge made, and suddenly to be fought between an hundred Knights on a side, and so he dismissed him; but passing forward, he perceived on a pleasant Plain by a River's side, many Pavilions spread, wherein were beautiful Ladies, and many Knights armed for their Guard, who contrary to his Will constrained him to Just with them; which he a long time refused, till a Lady told him, It was the Will of *Leonora*, the youngest Daughter of King *Lisuart*, who was in the Pavilion, for her Pastime: Whereupon he run five Courses with five Knights, and overthrew them; so that no more would venture to encounter him: Whereupon he rid to a Fair Fountain, to refresh his weary Body, but long he had not stayed there, e'er he perceived a Waggon coming towards him, and piteous Cries of Ladies as in Distress, and many Knights chained to the sides of it marching on Foot, convoyed by two Mighty Giants, and some Servants that attended.

These miserable Captives, whose Joy

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was so suddenly turned into Mourning,
were those he had found at the Pavilions
at the River side, upon whom *Famongo-*
mad and his Son *Basingant* coming sud-
denly, had overcome and made Prisoners,
leading home, that in hatred to *K. Lif-*
zart, they might sacrifice them to their
Heathen Idols, but *Amadis* no sooner
perceived his Mistresses Sister, was a-
mongst the Captives, but he was so trans-
ported with Fury, that he commanded
the Giants to set them immediately at
Liberty, or he would immediately take
off their Heads without Mercy; at this
they laughed as in Derision and Scorn,
taking him to be a mad Man, who dared
thus singly to stand in opposition, when
a little before they had vanquished twen-
ty Knights, many slain, and the rest now
their Captives; but seeing they delayed,
he flew with such invincible Courage up-
on them, that the Earth trembled with
the Shock, and Calling on the Name of
the Princess *Oriana*, to inspire him, after
a dreadful Combat, in which he received
many Wounds, he slew them both; in
vain crying out for Mercy or Pity, and
setting the Captives at Liberty, put the
monstrous Bodies of the Giants into the
Waggon to be carried to *London*, where
King

King *Lisuart* kept his Court, as Trophies of his Victory; and then secretly withdrew to obey the Commands of his Princess, in paying her the first Visit, and having a little refreshed himself at the Fountain of the three Churches, he went without further staying to her Palace of *Mirefleure*, where she resided with long-
ing Expectation to see him.

Being happily arrived at the so much wished Place, and found a private Entrance, he no sooner cast his Eyes on his fair Princess, who was accompanied with *Mabilia*, he would have kneeled to have paid his Duty to so Divine a Creature, but she transported with an Excess of Love, ran to him and embraced him in her Arms, prevented it; but who can express in Words, the Raptures of Joy they conceived at this Meeting, after so long and troublesom a Separation; they blushed, they wept, and trembled, and neither of them for a while had any power to utter one Word, so great was their Affection and true Love; when *Mabilia*, to take them off from this Excess, that they might discourse and reason calmly, said to *Oriana*, ' Pray Madam, before my Cousin ' expires with so great a Transport of ' Joy, let me, if it please you, have a
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‘ sight of him a little. Ah, Dear Cous-
 ‘ sin, interrupt us not, let me a little
 ‘ hold him thus in my Arms, and then
 ‘ you shall give him what kind Wel-
 ‘ come you please.

After the Heat of their Passion was a little over, *Mabilia* and the other Ladies tenderly embrac’d him, and complemented his happy Arrival, entreating him to declare what had befallen him since his Departure, which he did as briefly as he could, because he would not be tedious at such a happy Juncture, and then *Oriana* discoursed of her Sufferings for his Absence, and with Tears acknowledged the Mistake that had caused her Jealousie, and consequently both their Misery and Grievous Sufferings; whereat they both tenderly wept, promising an Everlasting Love and Constancy to each other.

Whilst these chaste Lovers were in the height of their Joys, *Gandalin* came from Court with News, That an Aged Knight was arrived there from *Grecia*, with two rare Jewels to try Love and Constancy, the One a Sword in a transparent green Scabbard of Fishes Bone, so that the Blade which half burn’d with Fire, and half remained bright, might be seen through the Scabbard, but could not be drawn, but by the

the most Valiant and Chast Lover in the World ; the other Jewel was a Handkerchief, in which were Flowers on one Root half flourishing and half fading ; which when received by a Lady, the most Constant of all Ladies to her Lover, the faded Flowers should flourish, and become as fresh and gay as the other, never to wither more. This strange Story put the Prince and Princess upon going in Disguise to Court, that by trying this rare Adventure, there might never more be any Misunderstanding between them, and by a trusty Messenger, having procured the King's License to come and depart, without being put to any Questions, but what they should be willing to answer, they set forward ; the Prince close armed, and the Princess in a very strange disguise, her Fair Face being covered with a Linnen-Vail, and so having Admittance, the King and Queen gave them a kind Welcome ; and there they found a great many Knights and Ladies, prepared to try the Adventure, as *Don Galaor*, *Florestan*, *Agrais* and other Valiant Knights ; the Ladies *Briolana*, *Otinda* and many more ; but neither could the Sword be drawn out by the King, or any of those Knights, tho' some drew it a

good way, but then were so scorched with the Flame that issued out, they were constrained to let it slip in again, which it did of its own Accord; nor did the Flowers flourish upon the Head of any of the Ladies, tho' upon some they budded, but soon decayed again to their great perplexity, because the Aged Gentleman at every Trial wittily put upon them; till at last, the Prince and Princess in their Disguise attempting the Adventure, performed each their part to the Admiration of all; whereupon the Aged Gentleman fell down at *Amadis's* Feet, entreating to be Knighted by him as Destiny had ordered it, that he might return to *Greece*, and take Possession of a Kingdom, that he could not have till then, tho' he had been travelling three-score Years to try the finishing of this Adventure, tho' upon many Trials in Renowned Courts it could never be done till now. The Prince hereupon fulfilled his Request, and the Princess girded on his Sword, and so they receiving the Sword and Flowers, as the Reward of their chaste Love and Virtues, were attended out of the City by the King and many Nobles, who wonder'd who this strange Knight and Lady should be, some praising

praising, and others envying them for carrying way to precious a Prize from all the rest.

Far they had not rid, but a Squire came running, and said, ' Sir Knight, ' Deliver up this Lady to *Arcalaus*, or ' he will take thy Head : Where is he, ' said the Prince ? Yonder, reply'd the ' Squire, under a Tuft of Trees with another Knight. Go tell him, then said he, ' if he attempts any thing against this ' Lady, it would be well for him to ' consider, whether his own Head fits ' fast on his Shoulders. *Arcalaus*, who having heard this Answer, said to the Knight by him, ' Good Nephew *Linderaq*, go fetch the Lady by force, and ' the Flowers she has gained shall be a ' Present to Q. *Medesima* your Fair Lady, ' and if the Knight resist bring his Head ' also : Upon this he mounted, at whose Approach, *Oriana* not used to see bloody Combates, trembled, and was greatly afraid, but *Amadis* bid her not fear under his Protection ; and at the first Course run his Spear thro' the Knight, who tumbling to the Ground, expired weltring in his Blood ; to revenge whose Death, *Arcalaus* came on with great Fury, when the Prince, who had broken his Spear in

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the Encounter, drawing his New acquired Sword, as he passed him, cut off his four Fingers; when finding himself by that Means disabled, he put Spurs to his Horse, and fled for his Life as swift as the Wind; when cutting off the dead Knight's Head, he sent it with the Fingers of *Arcalaus* to the King by his Squire, and charged him to tell what he had seen and heard; and so riding on came safe with the Princess to *Mirefleure*, and were received with great Joy by *Mablilia* and Others, who had been in much pain for them during their Absence.

It now happened, that according to a Challenge sent before to K. *Lisvart*, by *Childadan* K. of *Ireland*, and many Knights and Giants his Allies, that the appointed Time came, the Battle was to be fought between an hundred Knights and Giants of a Side: Whereupon *Urganda* the Unknown, sent Prophetick Letters to the King and *Don Galaor*, advertizing them of the great Danger they would be in, in so hard and cruel a Battle, but also assured them of Victory by three Stroaks of a Valiant Knight, which proved to be *Amadis*; for had he not fortunately come to their Assistance, the King and all his Knts. had been there slain, as many of em were;

were; and *Amadis*, as it had been prophesied, wounded the King in rescuing him from a Mighty Giant, who was carrying him away by force to the Ships; also *Don Galaor* lay among the Heaps of the slain as dead, but was carried away by certain Damsels in Rich Array sent by *Urganda*, and cured of his Wounds to live for Greater Fame, as also was *Chilidada* the Irish King; and in the Heat of this Fight *Amadis* discovered himself, by crying aloud, *Gaul, Gaul, Amadis is yet alive*; which gave fresh Courage to his Friends, and put such Fear into his Enemies as remained alive, that they fled to their Ships, and departed to their several Countries.

The Fame of *Amadis* now spread thro' all *Britain*, as before it had done in most other Countries; the King, Queen, Nobles and Ladies highly caressed him, so that he found himself in such Favour by reason of his great Services, that he had resolved with himself, to make his Love to the Princess *Oriana* a Secret no longer, but boldly to demand her of the King and Queen in Marriage, as his High Birth and Glorious Actions, accompanied with all Princely Virtues, well deserved; but an Accident fell out that hin-

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der'd, for walking by the Sea side with
the King, he was about to take an Op-
portunity to draw him aside, and speak
to him in private, a Ship bore in with
full Sail, and out of it landed a Dam-
sel of an huge Stature, yet very Comely,
attended with two Squires ; who seeing
many that appeared of Noble Rank,
and supposing the King might be there,
in a stately manner demanded if it was
so ; of which being satisfied, she made
up to him without showing any Respect,
and demanded, if *Amadis of Gaul* was in
the Company, who assured her he was ;
then she delivered her Letters of Cre-
dence to the King, and having leave fur-
ther to deliver her Message, she proceed-
ed to revile the Prince in a very imperi-
ous manner, declaring she hated him, and
would pursue him to Death, in revenge
for the Death of the Father, and Bro-
ther of Q. *Madafima*, whom he had
slain ; and therefore had brought a Chal-
lenge from *Ardancanilla*, who had pro-
mised that intraged Woman his Head,
and for which Service, he was to have
her in Marriage with her Dominions ;
and if *Amadis* overcame, K. *Arban* of
Northwales and *Angriote de Estruance*, his
great Friends, who had suffered a Cruel
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Imprisonment should be set at Liberty.

This Challenge with the King's leave the Prince accepted, as also *Don Bruino* did that against *Manmain*, the injurious Damsel's Brother of the Race of the Giants; when the more to disenable *Amadis*, being invited into his Tent, and kindly treated, she conveyed away his good Sword, and presented it to *Ardan*, but in a Cruel Combat the two Knts. overcame her Champions, and after many Wounds given, following close, forced 'em to throw themselves, for the avoided the urging Swords before 'em, from a steep Rock into the Sea; where after all they had so much confidently boasted of assured Success, they perished in the Waves; which the injurious Damsel perceiving, in a great Phrensie threw her self after 'em, and in the Fall was beaten to pieces on the Rocks.

When these Hindrances were removed out of the way, and the two Lovers thought themselves in the happiest State of all People living, as concluding their Marriage Day near approaching; when in each others Arms they should reap the Fruits of so much Toil and Sorrow, with a Recompence of abundant Satisfaction; flattering Fortune deceived their Hearts, and thrust them into greater Miseries, if possible,

possible, by how much they supposed their Sufferings were at an End, and their Joys so near at hand; for amongst others in the Court that envied the Prince's rising Glories, so far Ecclipsing theirs, and the great Favour he had with the King, and tho' ignorant of his Love to the Fair Princess, was *Gandandelan*; a Crafty Knight, who taking a favourable Opportunity of having the King's Ear, insinuated to him, That *Amadis* and his Companions had come for no other purpose into the Realm, than to steal away the Hearts of his People, that so growing strong in their Affections he might dethrone him; and then if his Life were saved, he could expect no other than a miserable Confinement or Banishment; further urging the inveterate Hatred and Enmity of the King of *Gaul* against those of *Britain*, with many other false Suggestions, to alienate the King from *Amadis* and his Companions; to no other End, but that himself might rule all at Court under him.

To this the King was deaf a long time, urging against it, the Deserts of *Amadis* and other Knights, the great Services they had done, their Faith, Constancy, Loyalty and Affection toward him and his;

his ; which caused the Old Courtier to conclude, himself alone was unable to cast the Prince out of Favour ; and therefore under an Oath of Secrecy and large Promises, he associated to him one *Brocadan*, as Cunning and Malicious as himself ; who together never left sounding Fears and Jealousies in the King's Ears, till they had visibly alienated his Affections from the Prince, and the other Knts. who entirely loved him ; so that when with his Cousin *Agrais*, he came to petition the King for *Don Galuanes*, a Valiant Prince, Brother to the K. of Scotland, that he taking in Marriage the Fair Queen *Madasima* who was now the King's Prisoner, and with her the Island of *Mongaza*, paying Homage and Fealty for it to his Majesty ; the King received them with an altered Countenance, and hastily told them, he had given that Island to his younger Daughter *Leonora*, and if it was not delivered up presently, *Madasima's* Head with the rest of the Prisoners should speedily be taken off ; this somewhat startled the two Valiant Princes, who now plainly perceived some malicious Courtier had traduced their Innocency, and changed the King's kind Affection into Mistrust and Hatred towards them,

them, yet nothing daunted, *Amadis* boldly urged his Innocency, Loyalty and Great Services, and that with the Expence of his Blood, he had not only conquered the Island he now required for his Friend, but saved his Life in the Battle against *Chil-dada*, and by that and other considerable Hazards kept him secure on that Throne, which tottered under him, and had otherways been lost, and that such unkind Usage towards him became not a Noble King, but one of mean Extract; from whom he could expect no more than Ingratitude, as a Return for his many great Services, and much more he spoke to the like purpose, which so anger'd the King, that he bid him be gone from his Presence, and if he liked not his Usage, he might seek his Maintenance elsewhere, and so flung away in a great Rage, without giving the Prince leave to reply, nor could the good Offices and Entreaties, on the behalf of *Amadis* and his Companions, prevail with the King at all; so that seeing Mischiefe and Disgrace was determined him, if he stay'd much longer, and that now it was in vain to discover his Love, and demand the Princess in Marriage he resolv'd to leave the Land.

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With these Thoughts he turned his Back upon the Palace, lamenting *Oriana* had so ungrateful a Father, yet his great Love speedily carried him to *Mirfleur* to pay her a Visit; where putting on a Countenance of Joy, as well he could frame it, he fell into pleasant Discourse with her; and the Evening coming on, urged for the tenderest Proof of her Love, with so many Reasons and winning Graces, such modest and sweet Behaviour, that she could no longer resist his Charms, but upon a secret Contract of Marriage, till it could be celebrated more publick, to which the Princess *Mabilia*, and the Gentlewoman of *Denmark* were only privy, she consented that Night to give him all the transporting Fruition of Love, by embracing her delicate Body in his Naked Arms, that he could wish or desire; to so high and pleasantly Ravishing, that Words are at a loss to express, to what a Transcendency their Loves arrived, in Kisses, sweet Embraces, soft Murmurs, Sighings, Pantings and short Breathings, that none but Lovers in so happy a Felicity can conceive them; tho' at that time little did the Princess imagine, she should so soon part with what she held so dear, and how much Sorrow would ensue
such

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such Extasies of Charming Pleasure; how-
ever when tired with kind Embraces,
tho' not satisfied, they fell into a sweet
Slumber, and so continued till *Amabilia*
awaked *Amadis* early, and told him, to
avoid Spies, it was time for him to re-
tire, and then repeating Loves Embraces
they arose; when the Blushes of the
Morning sat on the Fair Princesses
Cheeks, to consider now she was no
more in a Virgin-state, and then the
Prince taking her aside, told her of her
Father's Unkindness, in the tenderest
Words he could dress such ingrateful
Usage in, and how that his Honour obli-
ged him to depart, till such time his In-
nocency should appear, and they meet
again on more happy Terms, and in his
Absence his Heart should be with her,
and never stray from her.

The Princess hearing this unexpected
Discovery of her Lover, whom she held
as dear as her Life, started and trem-
bled, hanging about his Neck, and pour-
ing into his Bosom a Flood of Tears,
using all Entreaties, and reproving her
Father for his Cruel Unkindness in sepa-
rating such constant Lovers, and then
with a great Cry cast her self on the
Bed; which the Ladies hearing came in,
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thinking some sudden Sickness had seized her, but understanding the true Cause, they joyned with her in Tears, but coming to themselves a little they found the Reason, *Amadis* gave for his Departure so powerful, that not without much Sorrow and Reluctancy they agreed to his Departure, he promising often to write to *Mabilia*, that if his Letters were intercepted, it should not be known they were meant to the Princess, requiring the like in return, and so after many tender Kisses, they took a sorrowful Farewel of each other, to undergo many Hardship and Sufferings, e're they met to be so happy again.

The Prince having left his Fair Princess, hasted to his Friends to tell them of his intended Departure, and the Cause of it, which much grieved 'em, casting many Reproaches on the ungrateful King, and vowing to be Partakers in his Fortunes where-ever he should travel or reside; and some others whose Love to Fair Ladies in the Court constrained them to stay, promised to do him Good Offices with the King and Queen in his Absence, and keep up his Fame in spite of his Enemies; nay, to be revenged on those that had so basely traduced him,

or their Sons in Mortal Combat, if they might draw them to it. The Prince kindly thanked them for this Favour, and was the better satisfied, because the Sage *Urganda* his great Friend, had prophesied this Misfortune in these Words, viz.

That his Recompence which he should have, in gaining Dominions for another, should be Hate, Anger and Banishment from the Place, where he most desired to reside.

Amadis having mustered his Companions, found them to be about 500 Valiant Knights, many the Sons of Emperors, Kings and great Princes; who for Love of him left the Court to follow his Fortunes, draining it almost of all the Valiant Men, so that *K. Lisuart* finding himself deserted by so many, and his Kingdom in a manner divested of its Chief Strength, too late began to repent his rash Credulity and Ingratitude, and from that time began to have a bad Opinion of those, that had abused him with false Surmises, and in his Expostulating with them used such Reproaches, that they plainly found their Design would reach no further: But however, the Fair Island of *Mongaza* being refused to be delivered, by the Mother of *Q. Madafima*, who was in Possession of it; the
King

King raised an Army to seize on it by Force, summoning all the Knights that were left, to attend him in this War; but some refused it, as accounting it unreasonable to War against the Subjects of a Woman he held his Prisoner, and especially hating him for the Wrongs he had done to *Amadis*.

Whilst these Preparations went forward, *Amadis* and the Knights that accompanied him, after some slight Adventures performed by the way, safely arrived at the *Firm-Island*, where they were received with great Demonstrations of Joy by the Inhabitants, and particularly by the Governour, who told them *Queen Briolania* had been there, and tried the Adventure of the *Arch of Loyal Lovers*; whereupon her Name, Birth and Titles were engraven on the Jasper-Pillar; but attempting to do the like in the forbidden Chamber, she was violently thrown out and laid in a Swoon; which so discouraged her, that she would attempt no further, plainly perceiving she was not the Fairest Lady in the World; and this a while after being certified by a Page to *Oriana*, much comforted her, by causing her Jealousie and Emulation to vanish.

These Famous Knights the best in the
World,

World, having spent some time here in Hunting and Hawking, and seeing the Wonders of the Place, had News, that the King still persisted in his Resolution, to put Q. *Madasima*, and the Eleven Damsels that were imprisoned with her to Death, unless her Mother peaceably delivered the Isle of *Mingaza*; which above all afflicted *Galuanes* who entirely loved her, and to whom she had promised Marriage, on Condition he set her at Liberty, and freed her from a threatned Death; that he humbly besought the Prince and the rest, to consider of some way to effect it; when after some Debate it was agreed, Twelve Chosen Knights of their Number should be sent to *Brittain*, there to defie the Traytors, whose evil Council had pushed the King into these Extreame contrary to his wonted Merciful Nature; and as well to maintain the Innocency of *Amadis*, as to combat with any twelve Knights, that so the Success of Victory might free *Madasima*, or submit her to the King's Determination; and accordingly they halting their Voyage, came to the Court of K. *Lisvart*; where they found him pensive and melancholly, for his banishing *Amadis*, who had so well deserved; yet they declared

clared the Cause for which they came, and the Challenge was allowed upon the Conditions proposed, tho' the Traytors, who were now much out of the King's Favour, as having plainly discovered their Malice and Design, did all they could to excuse it; but in the mean time *Gramedaca*, Mother to *Madasima* died, and for her Daughter's Safety had delivered the Island of *Mongaza* to Earl *Latin* for the King's Use; whereupon the Queen and her Damsels were set at Liberty; yet not to let *Gandalund* and his Companion escape, *Angriote* and his Nephew *Sarquiles* challenged them to the Combate, to vindicate the Honour and Innocency of *Amadis*, which they excused by reason of their Age, but their three Sons *Corian*, *Tarran* and *Damas* espousing the Quarrel, were in a bloody Combate slain by the two Valiant Knights; yet Differences not being well composed, nor a right Understanding had between all Parties, the King fearing further Disorders in the Realm, commanded the Knights lately come from the *Firm Island* immediately to depart his Country; which so anger'd them, that retiring to a Place in the Sea, called the *Inclosed Island*, because it was environed with mighty steep Rocks;

Rocks ; and there gathering a Strength of their Friends, whom they sent for from all Parts, they again landed and waged a Cruel War with King *Lisuart* ; in which many Gallant Knights were slain on both sides. In the mean while, *Amadis* having received a Letter from his Fair Princess *Oriana*, wherein among other things, she declared, she from the Effects of his Love, had conceived with Child by him, and was near the Time of her Delivery, he resolved to leave the *Firm Island* and sail to *Gaul*, to visit his Father and Mother ; and being nearer his Princess, the sooner find a means to reconcile himself to K. *Lisuart*, that so he might freely enjoy his Fair Princess ; and in his way accompanied with *Don Bruneo*, he landed on the said Island, and found two Knights pursued by a Monstrous Giant, and many other Knights, who had killed their Horses under them ; whereupon *Amadis* charging the Giant overthrew him, and in the Fall his Thigh broke, his Horse also lying upon him, whom he then knew to be *Madraque*, Lord of the Country, Cruel and fierce, so that he slew all the Men that landed in his Island that he could overcome, and kept the Ladies for his Lust, but as he was going about to take his

his Head, he cryed out piteously for Mercy ; which *Amadis* granted upon his swearing to become a Christian, and never injure Lady more, nor combat any Knight but in his own Defence ; and so leaving him, he charged with his Companions so furiously that yet stood out, that he slew most of them, and the rest flying to the Castle he entered with 'em, and setting a great many miserable Prisoners at Liberty, and now having no more to do, he to his great Joy found the two Knights he had rescued, to be his Brother *Galaor* and K. *Chilbadan* his Friend, who kindly embracing and reciting their Travels and Adventres to each other, departed to their Ship, but as they were entring, *Andadone*, a Huge Monster Sister to the Giant, having concealed her self in a Rock, threw a Dart with such force, that it passed thro' *Bruno's* Thigh, and grievously wounded him, when leaping into the Sea saved her self by swimming.

After this Adventure they safely arrived in *Gaul*, and being known were received with all imaginable Joy by K. *Perion*, his Queen, and Daughter *Melicia*, and of all the Nobles and Ladies at Court ; at whose happy Arrival there was Great Feasting

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Feasting for many Days, and *Melicia*, by
the Queen's Command undertook the
Care of *Bruneo*, who was wounded ; at
which both she and he conceived much
Joy, for they were entire Lovers of each
other, and had been so, without the
Knowledge of any but themselves a long
time, and for her sake with considerable
Success, he had tried the Adventure of
the *Arch of Loyal Lovers* in the *Firm
Island*, and under her Care his Wound
quickly healed in his Thigh, but that
which Love's Dart made in his Mind
encreased and widened ; yet so sweet was
the Conversation of the Fair Princess,
that he thought himself in Paradise whilst
he was in her Company.

Whilst these kind Lovers had these for-
tunate Opportunities, to enjoy Innocent
and Chast Pleasures, *Don Galaor*, who
delighted not to travel with his Brother
Amadis, because he Ecclipsed his Glory
in the Combates fought, made an Excuse
to be gone, as also did *Childada* to ac-
company him ; and so taking a solemn
Leave they passed the Seas, and went to
the Court of K. *Lisuart*, to assist him in
his bloody Wars against the Knights of
the *Inclosed Island*, who had overthrown
Earl *Latin* and his Army, and threatned
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the Subversion of the Kingdom ; and arriving they found him with many Knts. preparing to go in Person, and if possible to stop the torrent Enemy ; but in the mean time came to Court a young Gentleman, gallantly attended, who falling on his Knees before the King, entreated him to Knight him, for he would receive it from no other Hand ; the King upon this stood somewhat in suspense, and scrupled it, as counting him too young ; but at the Instance of *Galaor* and *Childada*, at last he consented ; and by a Letter a Damself delivered him, found he was his Natural Son, begot in *Denmark* during his Travels, on the Fair *Celinda*, and his Name was *Norandel* ; upon which he embraced him and much rejoiced, and at the earnest Request of *Galaor*, appointed him his Companion in Arms, giving him leave to recommend him to the Princess *Oriana*, and let her know how nearly he was related to her, that she might cherish and esteem him the higher ; which she did with much Joy, upon hearing she had so happy a Brother before unknown to her ; and after asking him many Things relating to her Lord *Amadis*, he left her and went to the Court, where

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he found the King upon his Departure to the War, and accompanied him to the Isle of *Mongoza*.

The very Night *Galaor* left the Princess, she fell in Travel and was delivered of a Fair Son, and *Mabilia* who swaddled it found twelve Characters, six under each Breast, some red and others white, which she could not understand; and therefore concealed the Knowledge of what she had seen from the Princess, lest she should fright her, and do her an Injury in her weak Condition, and after the Fair Mother had bemoaned the hard Fortune of the Infant, and often tenderly kissed it, to save her own Honour she delivered it to the Damsel of *Denmark*, that by the help of her Brother *Durin* she might carry it to a Nurse; so being put in a Wicker Basket, she parted with it not without a Flood of Tears, and perceiving it was gone, swooned away, making bitter Wailings and Laments; till *Mabilia* comforted her, and entreated her to hope the best, and trust to Providence for the Safety of the Infant.

The Damsel and her Brother mounting on two Horses, hasted to carry it to a Gentlewoman, who before had promised

sed *Mabilia* to nurse it up, but e'er Morn-
ing appeared, getting into a deep Valley
by the side of a huge dark Forrest, as
they alighted to refresh their Weariness
at a Fair Fountain, a Lioness came roar-
ing out against them in so dreadful a man-
ner, that the Horses broke loose and fled
away, the Damsel for Fear fell into a
Swoon, and *Durin* climbed a Tree for
his better Safety, when coming to the
Place, she took up the Child with the
Handle of the Basket in her Teeth, and
hasted away with it to her Whelps, but
one *Nascian* a Religious Old Hermit, to
whom all the devouring Beasts of the
Forrest stood in Awe of, and paid Respect
to, being early abroad and meeting the
Lioness about to enter her Den, com-
manded her with such Power, as if Hea-
ven had over-awed her at his Words,
that couching at his Feet, lowering her
Ears, and shaking her Tail in a submis-
sive manner, she laid down the Basket
and crept into her Den, when finding
the Child that wept for want of Food,
he boldly carried it unto the Den, and
caused the Lioness to suckle it among her
young, which she did without showing
any Intention to do it the least harm;

and then he carried the Babe to his Hermitage, where suckling a while at a Ewe he kept, he sent for his Sister to take it and nurse it up for him, when going to baptize it, he perceived the Characters, which put together made *Esplandian*; and so he named it, as if Heaven had so ordered, and this Child in time grew up to be Famous in Arms through the whole World.

Whilst these Things passed, great was the Sorrow of the Damsel and *Durin* her Brother, for the Loss of the Infant; and much ado the latter had to perswade the former to return again to the Princess, nor could he do it till he had contrived a Story, to make the Princess believe it was at Nurse in safe Hands, well knowing her Honour would not permit, especially in some time, to enquire after it for fear of a Discovery, the Woman to whom it was really sent by her, not knowing if she had received it whose it was; and with this Account of their Journey they returned to the Sorrowful Princess, whom they found weeping abundantly, that she was constrained to part with so sweet a Babe.

King *Lisuart* being abroad in his Wars,

Wars, I find he by the Valour of *Galaor* and other Knights, after some dreadful Battles with much Bloodshed, overcame the Knights of the *Inclosed Island*, and gained the Country of *Mongaza*; but *Q. Madafima* falling on her Knees with Tears, and imploring him to take Pity on her deplorable and ruined Condition, that Fair Woman looking more lovely in her Grief, at the Entreaty of *Galaor* and others, freely restored her again to the Possession of all her Territories, in Case she took *Don Galuanes* as she had promised, to be her Husband, to which she consented, and that Prince for the great Favour the King had done them, vowed his faithful Service and Fealty during his Life, and so ended this Cruel War.

No sooner had Notice of the Sorrow his Lady *Oriana* was in, but he became very melancholy and pensive, that he could not be with her to comfort her in an honourable state; but *Don Bruneo* on the contrary was overjoyed, he had frequently the Company of the Princess *Melicia*, and was cheered by her Smiles, yet they both stayed to do *K. Perion* extraordinary good Service, against his Enemies that invaded him; but after travelling

velling, and coming to a Castle belonging to *Arcalaus* the Enchanter, not knowing so much, they were seemingly kindly entertained, but going to repose their weary Limbs, whilst they slept, the Bed was let down by a Trap door into a deep Dungeon, where they found themselves when awake fast bound with Chains, and many other Prisoners in a piteous starving Condition; some stretched on Racks, others whipp'd so miserably that their bare Bone appeared, and in like manner were they served for a time, but by the help of the same Engine that let them down; getting up and arming, they slew the Guards, released the Prisoners, and set the Castle on Fire, which made *Arcalaus* curse his unlucky Stars, and fly for the Safety of his Life, and then went in the pursuit of many Adventures, they happily finished in several strange Countries: In which time of Roving to serve others, *Amadis* was in likelihood to loose all that was dear to him in the World; for *Pattin* Emperor of *Rome* sent Q. *Sardamira*, and a Splendid Embassy to K. *Lisuart*, to require his Fair Daughter *Oriana*, of whom such Fame had spread, in Marriage; and not-

notwithstanding all the Exeuses, Tears and Entreaties of the Princess to hinder it, the Riches, Power and Great Alliance of that Emperor so far prevailing, together with the crafty Insinuation of the Queen, who doubted not, if she could get the Princess married, *Amadis* whom she dearly loved might fall to her share; and so cunningly the Matter was managed, that K. *Lisuart* promised the Ambassadors to deliver her to them, in Order to carry her to the Emperor to be his Wife, and so going to her Chamber, commanded her Obedience in it, notwithstanding all the Perswasions of the Queen to the contrary; and when she rather desired to be imprisoned for Life, or presently put to Death, rather than go to *Rome*; and with many Tears besought him to revoke his Promise, he stormed and raged so much, that this Anger and Harsh Words cast her into a Trance; in which very Moment he commanded her, *Olinda*, *Mabilia*, and the rest of the Ladies to be carried on board the *Roman* Ships, who having the Rich Prize they expected, immediately set sail; and thus had she been lost to her faithful Lover for ever, had not Fortune so ordered it,

that he had Notice before of the Design, and gotten a strong Fleet on board, which were the Valiant Knights of the *Enclosed Island*, who encountred the *Romans* so furiously, and made such Slaughter also with deadly Engines, sinking many of their Ships, that at length they yielded; but never was any Lady so overjoyed as *Oriana*, when she see *Amadis* come into the Cabbin where she was, with *Mabilia* and other Ladies; and assured herself by that sight to be at Liberty, she run to him, embracing him in her Arms, glewing her Lips to his with kind Kisses, and shedding a Flood of Tears for Joy; the like did *Olinda* to her beloved *Agrais*, and having gained an entire Victory, the Ladies were, upon a Consult held of all the Knights, conveyed to the *Inclosed Island*, as a Place of the greatest Safety, till if possible by the Mediation of Friends in Court the Princess *Oriana* might be reconciled to her Father, and a right Understanding had, the two Lovers might yet be prosperous in their Love.

They had not failed, but they stood in with the Island, and were received with great Joy by the Inhabitants, nobly feasted and entertained; yet *Q. Sardanira* made

made great Lamentation, not only for the Death of Prince *Salust Quid*, slain in the Sea Fight; a Man of Great Nobility and Virtue nearly allied to her; but above all, that her Undertaking had thus miscarried, when she had with much Industry and Artifice, brought it into so fair a Way to be accomplished as she desired; but by the Entreaty of the Ladies, and the Generous Entertainment *Amadis* and the rest gave her, she in a little while, caused those Clouds of Melancholy, that darkned the Serenity of her Mind to vanish; upon which, the Knights with the Consent of *Oriana* and other Ladies, sent Messengers to their Friends, in all the Countries where they had Interest, speedily to repair to them, that they might be in a Condition to defend themselves, if King *Lisuart* and the Emperor of *Rome* as they expected, should invade them with powerful Armies, for what they had so lately enterprized; nor failed they of speedy Succour, many Valiant Knights daily arriving in the Island; insomuch that they being well able to oppose any Strength that should be sent against them, thought it not needful to keep the Matter secret any longer, but sent an Ho-

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nourable Embassy to the Court of King
Lisuart, and sent thither *Brian de Mo-*
niaste Son to *Lasudon* K. of *Spain*, with
Don Quadragant, a Valiant Knight well
known in *Britain*, who gladly undertook
the Honour to be Instrumental in recon-
ciling these Breaches; but before their
Arrival the King had News of all that had
happened, by some, who had escaped in
their Long Boats from the *Roman* Fleet
during the Engagement, and was so im-
patient to be revenged, that his Threats
and Fury exceeded all Bounds of Mode-
ration; insomuch, that neither the Queen
nor any of those he highly esteemed,
durst speak a Word to appease his An-
ger for several Days; shutting himself
up in his Closet, and refusing all Food
and Comfort; so that between Anger
and the Greatness of his Sorrow, his Life
was brought into great Danger, and
much Labour had the Queen to draw him
from his Melancholy Retirement, and
make him hear Reason with hope of bet-
ter things than he had concluded on; but
whilst the King was in these Perplexities,
the Knights sent from the *Inclosed Island*
arrived, and presented the Queen with a
Letter from her Daughter, full of Respect
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and submissive Duty, giving her an Account of what had passed, where she now resided, but above all to implore her good Office and Mediation with the King her Father, that she might be received again into his Favour, and that the whole Affair might be decided without Cruel War or Bloodshed; and she failed not to do all that lay in her Power, sending back by *Durin* a Comfortable Answer to the Princess, and the Ladies with her, and by her Means the Knights were admitted into the King's Presence, and his furious Distemper somewhat abated, he bid them welcome as the Character they bore required; yet all their fair Words could work nothing from his Mind, either to receive his Daughter, or decline the Revenge he intended to take on those he held for his Mortal Enemies; and so dismissing them with Frowns, he called a Council to consult further about what he had determined; wherein some advised one Thing, and some another, some were for Pacification, others for giving Spurs to his furious Intendments; yet in the Close they concluded, to take a severe Revenge if they might; and in Order thereto, the King dispatched
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speedy Messengers to the Emperor and other his Allies, to join their Forces with him; but whilst these Things were doing, *Arcalaus* the Enchanter, who mortally hated the King as well as Prince *Amadis*, was plotting to bereave the King of his Kingdom, and both of them of their Lives, if he might prosper in his wicked Designs; in Order thereto, posting to King *Aramyn's* Court, he stirred up him and *Barsinan*, with specious Pretences and promised Success, by fair Means or Fraud, to war upon and seize the Kingdom of *Britain*; which hopes they entertained with much pleasing Joy from him, they accounted the most Crafty and Cunning of all Mankind, to bring mischievous Enterprizes to a desired End, and having wrought so much with these, he went to the King of the *Profound Isle*, and made him the like Proposals, and so he did to many others, and then returned home with much Satisfaction of Mind that he had so well succeeded.

Don Quadragan Brian sailing back to the *Inclosed Isle* with *K. Lisvart's* Answer, were by a Tempest driven upon the Countrey of *Sobradisa*, where they were kindly received by *Q. Baiolania*, who
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was preparing with twelve hundred Men, to assist the Knights of the *Inclosed Island*, and happy was it for her these Knights arrived, for one *Tyron*, who aimed at her Life and Kingdom, had way-laid her with two Men of War and other Vessels, but in a sharp Conflict was chiefly overcome by their Valour, and taken Prisoners ; who humbly begging his Life of the Queen she gave it him, and sent him to be securely kept in a strong Castle, till she should further determine how to dispose of him, and so they sailed without any more Interruption, till they safely arrived at the *Inclosed Island* ; where *Amadis* and the rest received them with greater Demonstrations of Joy, and after some Feasting and Refreshment, the Knights made the Report of their Embassy in the full Assembly of all the Knights, who well perceiving the King's unreasonable Obstinacy, found themselves constrained to resolve upon a vigorous Defence ; and King *Perion* and many other their Confederates, being arrived with Forces, received King *Lisuart* and *Pattin* the Emperor, with many other of their Confederates with a War-like Defiance ; and that the Faithful
Squires

Squires *Gandalin* and *Lafinde*, who had so well served *Amadis* and *Bruneo*, might gain Renown by signalizing their Valour, they were Knighted.

And now a dreadful Day approached, to lay many Gallant Men breathless on the Cold Earth ; at which the Ladies trembled for Fear of the Loss of their Lovers, who shining in Gold, Silver, and Arms of Burnished Steel, took a kind Farewel of them ; and both Battles very Numerous being set in Array, very Terrible to those of less Courage than composed these Martial Troops ; when no Entreaties of Queen, Great Princesses and Beautiful Ladies were able to make an Accommodation ; the bloody Blast of Brazen Trumpets sounded the Charge on both sides, and then the Courageous Knights who led the *Van*, rushed together with great Fury, their bright Swords, Launces, and glittering Armour reflecting the Sun-beams made a dreadful Splendor, Arms and Armour flew in pieces, whilst they with unspeakable Valour encountered each other ; King *Perion* signalized himself at the Head of his Men, in doing Wonders, opening a Passage with his Sword wherever he came ; and King

Lisuart

Lisvart and the Emperor on the other hand, used their utmost Force and Diligence, to encourage their Men by their Examples; but *Amadis* shunning King *Lisvart*, whom he feared to wound, charging on the Battle of the *Romans*, broke in amongst them like a Thunderbolt, till the Heaps he had slain, in a manner barracaded his Way, and the Earth was paved with the Bodies of the Dead and Dying: Here you might see Men and Horses reeling upon each other; Victory enclining sometime to one side, and then to the other, till the unmatched Valour of *Amadis* prevailed, to reduce Things that were out of Order on his side into Order; and so discouraged his Enemies, that in the Close of the Evening they left the Field; but after a Truce of Twenty four Hours, to bury their Dead and recover Breath, the Fight began as Cruel and Bloody as before, till after a great Number slain, Victory apparently declared for the Knights of the *Inclosed Island*; and had not *Amadis* caused the Retreat to be sounded, lest *Oriana's* Father should fall in the pursuit undistinguished, few of their Enemies had survived; and indeed this Battle was so bloody,

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bloody, that Kindred slew Kindred, and
no Distinction of Relations was made.

King *Lisuart* having time to breathe,
called a Council, to consider of their Loss,
and found it upon diligent Search and
Enquiry so great, that they were very
much weakened and distressed, for the
Emperor was slain in the Battle, and his
Men so discouraged thereby, that the
King found it very difficult to bring 'em
again into the Field ; so that whilst they
were in a kind of Dispair of revenging
themselves, or safely retreating out of
the Island, an over-ruling Fate compas-
sionating the Destruction of so many Va-
liant Men, as must needs have been lost
there, had they renewed the Fight ; in
a good time, directed *Nascian* the Hermit
thither, who, as you have heard, had
saved the Life and fostered *Esplandian* ;
by whose Entreaties and Good Offices,
making likewise all that he knew of this
hopeful young Prince known ; not with-
out some Difficulty, and many happy
Reasons shewed for it, made a Peace be-
tween the two Warring Parties, to the
great Contentment of *Lisuart*, but as he
was preparing to retire to his own Coun-
trei, a greater Mischief had fallen upon
him,

him, for King *Aravigne* and other Accomplices, the Treacherous Enchanter *Archalaus* had confederated against him, hearing how much he was weakened in this War, secretly entred the Island with an Army, and laid Ambushes in the Mountains to intrap his Life, which had succeeded had not the Valiant *Amadis* had timely Notice by his Scouts, and come to his rescue in the hottest of the Battel, saving his Life by the Destruction of the greater Part of his Enemies, taking *Archalaus* and King *Aravigne* Prisoners, which seasonable Service added to all that he had before done for him, so moved King *Lisuart*, that he burst into Tears, and utterly forgetting all his former Displeasure against him, embraced him with much kindness, protesting nothing in the World should be ever nearer or dearer to him; and being made sensible of the long Love that had passed between him and *Oriana*, he freely consented to their being joined together in Marriage, imploring infinite Blessings on so happy a Pair.

Nascean the Hermit being present, and hearing this, presented *Esplandian* to the King as his Grandson; declaring all the

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Passages of his Life, from the time he found him in a Basket brought by the Lioness, which not only greatly rejoiced the King, but *Amadis* and the young Prince, who before was ignorant of his Birth; but if they conceived a Pleasure in it, much did the Princess, when she was advertized by *Ardan*, a Squire sent to her with that, and the welcome News of the Reconcilement, nor did K. *Perion* want his share of Contentment in this happy Meeting, but embraced King *Lisuart* by the Name of his dearest Brother, vowing Eternal League and Friendship, and to compleat this Joy.

The Emperor of *Rome* as you have heard, being slain in Battle, *Amadis* freed the *Roman* Nobles without Ransom, that had been taken Prisoners during this War, upon Promise that they would make their Interest for Electing Prince *Arquifel*, Nephew to that Emperor, Emperor of the *Romans*; which according to their Promise they performed, by bringing over the rest of the *Roman* Captains to their Minds; so that he was proclaimed Emperor in the Camp; and as a further good Office to him, tho' he had been his Mortal Enemy, and often fought

sought his Life; the Generous Prince *Amadis* prevailed with K. *Lisuart*, to give him in Marriage *Leonora* his youngest Daughter, a Princess of Excellent Beauty and more Transcendent Virtues; which so greatly rejoiced the Emperor, that laying aside all his former Hatred, he became an Entire Friend to the Prince ever after; and the Queen's, Princesses, Ladies and Absent Knights their Relations and Friends, being sent for to consummate these happy Unions, came Royally attended; so that no Court ever showed so great a Splendor and Glory, in so many Beauties and Valiant Heroes; in which so vast a Portion of Love and Honour met, and when some Light Adventures had passed, as restoring the Queen of *Dacia* and her two Sons to her Kingdom, usurped by the Duke of *Swetia*, who marrying the Queen's Daughter had murdered the King, and designed to do the like by the two young Princes; all Things were prepared for the so long wished and happy Marriage to the unspeakable Joy of the Knights and their Ladies.

Whilst this was doing, they see something like a great Burning Mountain in
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the Sea coming towards the Island, which changing as it approached into a huge fiery Dragon stretching his Wings at a vast Extent; the Common People cryed out for Fear, and many others trembled, especially the Ladies; but whilst the Knights prepared to encounter what Danger soever it might portend to hinder their approaching Happiness; it flew away to Sea till out of sight, and under the Place where its Wings had spread, there appeared a small Vessel with Golden Sails rowed by two Dwarfs, which making to the Shoar, they saw a Woman richly attired land, and knew her to be *Urganda*, the Enchantress, their assured Friend; who was come to the Celebration of these Nuptials: Whereupon the Kings *Perion* and *Lisuart*, Prince *Amadis* and the rest kindly welcomed her as their Patroness, who in Times of Distress, had saved them from many Dangers, if not Death it self.

And now the Long wished Happy Day being come, when the Valiant Knights should receive the Fruits of all their Toil and Bloodshed, in the Service of their Ladies; *Nascian* the Hermit, who was in Priestly Orders prepared to join their
Hands

Hands in the Sure Bonds of Marriage. Here the Happiest Pair that ever joyned in Wedlock, met in a stately Temple built by *Apolidon*; whose Pillars were Jasper, Sapphire and Amethysts, the Pavement Aggat, and the Cieling Fretwork of Gold; and being attended with all the Harmonious Instruments of Musick yield a sweet Melody. Prince *Amadis* was publickly married, as he had privately been before to his Charming Princess *Oriana*; *Arquisil* the Emperor to the Fair Princess *Leonora*, her Sister; *Bruneo* to the Princess *Melicia*, *Agrais* to *Olinda*, *Floristan* to Queen *Briolania*, *Don Quadrant* to Queen *Sardamira*, *Galuanes* to Queen *Madesima*, and other Ladies, as *Granfida*, *Mabilia*, &c. were married to the Knights that had served them, and whom they dearly loved; and the young Knight as *Norrandel*, *Esplandian*, the Prince of *Dacia*, brought thither by *Angriote* and *Bruneo*, chose out of that Fair Company Virgin Ladies, who were not engaged, which they intended to serve in all Adventures, till by their Valour and Virtues, they should arrive at the highest Pinnacle of Honour to be worthy of their Love, as the Princes now married

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married had done before them, and to
which in the End they arrived, so as to
be stiled the worthies of the World.

Great was the Joy and Entertainment
at these Weddings, and *Amadis* to recom-
pence those who had the least Fortunes,
and had done him great Services, confer'd
upon them the Countries and Territories
of *Arcalans*, *Aravigne* and their Traite-
rous Companions, whose wicked Plots
and Stratagems had done much Mischief
in the World; and to the greater Con-
tentment of the Princess *Oriana*, on her
Wedding-Day, tryed the Adventure of
the Arch of Loyal Lovers, and the De-
fended Chamber; which she easily per-
formed, and thereby approved her Love
and Constancy above all others: And
that Night all these Lovers slept each in
their Beloved's Arms, to their great Sa-
tisfaction and inexpressible Joy; which I
wanting apt Words to utter, having
brought them after so many Troubles
and Sorrows, to so great Joy and Hap-
piness: 'Tis time I close this delightful
History with adding no more, than tel-
ling the Reader, that from the sweet Em-
braces of this Happy Night, and many
more, there sprung a Race to fill the
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World with Heroes and Beauteous Ladies, adorned with all rare Perfection, possessing in their Turns, Crowns and Scepters, and all the Glory Earth could render to make them Happy, and their Names Immortal.

*So from a Phoenix does a Phoenix rise,
Gay as the Light to wing the pathless Skies,
And with rich Plumes our wond'ring Sight* }
(surprize.)

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